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Church group setting off to help Honduras

Handtools sought

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I have felt called to go since December of 1998, hoping to get on the first medical team sent to that country. I don't know why Honduras. Sometimes we answer that little spirit inside without knowing exactly why or what will come of the adventure."

Jane Chandler, a member of the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel, wrote those words in a church newsletter last week. She was describing her inspiration to join 10 other people - most of them fellow parishioners - in a mission of mercy to Honduras in January 2000.

Honduras was hit hard last year by Hurricane Mitch, which flooded the country, killed thousands and left thousands more homeless.

Chandler was touched by the plight of the survivors, and wanted to help. "I thought, 'I've got some skills. I can go. I can do something,'" she said.

Other church members felt the same way. Said the Rev. Brendon Bass: "There was a meeting of concerned people in January. Thirteen or fourteen people came together to see what form (a relief effort) might take."

The result: eight members will fly to Honduras Jan. 5 to spend several days helping with a housing construction project.

The Bethel effort is not the first from Maine. Other individuals from United Church of Christ-affiliated churches have also gone.

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One person's junk is another's raw material



It's a bit tight working around Clayton Sweatt's woodpile, which is surrounded by materials left behind in the nearby White Mountain National Forest. Sweatt, who is almost 75, plans to recycle as much of the usable materials as possible. He is especially concerned about metals, which he recycles after separating them from the items in which they are used.

"The metals all come from the earth," he said, "and there's only so much there. It's a shame not to reuse all we can."

(Photo by Daniels)

"I'm blessed to still be able to do this at my age, but I don't know how much longer I'll be able to continue. Things just keep getting heavier."

CLAYTON SWEATT

value, so he brought it home.

Going on 75, Sweatt is a product of the depression and Yankee thrift. Those influences combined with his deeply held religious convictions, drive him to save whatever is still useful or salvageable.

The Town of Bethel pays Sweatt to pack cardboard and take contaminants out of the recycling bins. A contaminant is anything put into one of the bins that doesn't belong there. In some cases, the contaminant may spoil the bin's contents,

condemning it to the landfill instead.

For example, he said, just last week someone used the newspaper recycling bin to dispose of a coffee can three-quarters full of solidified bacon grease.

The problem, in Sweatt's eyes, is the time pressures of modern life. "People just don't feel they have the time to deal with things. It's easier for them to just toss stuff away, saying 'Let someone else deal with it,'" he said.

Sweatt is that someone else. He acknowledges it is not always easy even for well-intentioned people to recycle. For example, the labeling on the bins reflects the industry names for recyclables.

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Too many felines; too few facilities

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel officials are attempting to decide the most humane way to deal with a dilapidated house on the Flat Road, the home until last week to two older women and 60 or so inbred, sore-ridden and likely diseased cats.

The house is now empty, and town officials want to see that it stays that way. On Monday the Board of Selectmen is expected to discuss how to deal with the situation, and whether to move ahead and have the structure demolished.

Neighbors have complained for some time about the stench from cat feces, according to Town Manager Scott Cole, but the town was finally moved to act when relatives of the two women - Ethel Chapman, who is in her late 70s, and her daughter Irene Sessions, who is in her late 50s - asked for help.

According to Cole the house has electricity, but neither an adequate heat nor a wastewater disposal system.

Family members of the two women were increasingly con-

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Board flips for cheerleaders

By ALISON ALOISIO

Convinced by a strong show of support from students and parents, the SAD44 School Board Monday approved a volunteer cheerleading coach for Telstar High School.

About 15 students and several parents turned out to speak in favor of letting Kim Driscoll volunteer her time to coach a cheering squad.

At the board's last meeting, in October, directors had turned down the same request. Many expressed

concern they would set up the expectation that the coach's position would eventually have to become a paid one.

And with no one from the cheering group present at the meeting, some board members questioned the amount of interest in the proposal, or felt they did not have enough information to make a decision.

But that question was put to rest Monday. Several

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SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT—Telstar students share their excitement following the School Board's decision to approve their request for a volunteer cheerleading coach. (Photo by Allison Aloisio)

Spaghetti Supper for Honduras

Saturday, November 13
5:00 - 6:30 pm

West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel

The West Parish Congregational Church is sending a group of 11 people to Honduras to help rebuild homes following the devastation of Hurricane Mitch, which occurred one year ago. The group plans to travel January 5th - 14th, 2000. The supper Saturday night is to raise money for the trip. Donations will be gratefully appreciated.

Friday, November 19th, 1999

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Public Notice

The Bethel Board of Selectmen are accepting applications for two volunteer positions on the Appeals Board. Applications must be submitted to the Town Office by noon Friday, November 19th, 1999. Interested persons may call the Town Office at 824-2669 for further information.

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Off-roaders want more access to WMNF trails

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel-area ATVs and jeeps want to join snowmobilers in riding the woods and trails of the White Mountain National Forest.

If some environmental groups have their way, however, not only will the summer off-roaders be barred from the forest, but snowmobilers will have their access cut back as well.

The groups are squaring off as the U.S. Forest Service seeks public input on the creation of a new 10-year management plan for the WMNF.

A local citizens' group began meeting with USFS officials in Bethel last month. The group will provide input to the Forest Service regarding forest usage of various kinds, including recreation and logging. Other, similar meetings are taking place in New Hampshire.

The current forest management plan has been in place since 1986. When that plan was developed, off-road vehicle interests were not well represented. The forest service adopted a policy of closing all areas to off-road vehicles unless the roads were posted open. But, say some off-road groups, very little

land was subsequently posted as open.

This time around, well-organized off-road groups are collectively asking the forest service to set aside 10,000 to 15,000 acres for roads they could use, in an area where they will not disturb hikers and others seeking remote wilderness experiences.

The USFS must issue a draft of the new plan in January and a draft environmental impact statement on various alternatives about a year later. A final environmental impact statement will be due in early 2002. Public comment will be accepted throughout the process.

Access to Crocker Pond?

One local snowmobile/off-road enthusiast seeking to both preserve and expand forest access is Rocky Freda, owner of Sun Valley Sports in Bethel. Freda rents snowmobiles in the winter and ATVs in the summer. He is also a registered Maine Guide, and offers ATV and snowmobile tours.

"We want to make sure we're able to (continue to) recreate on the national forest," said Freda. "We'd

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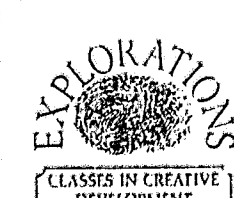
PUBLIC HEARING & NOTICE

Please take notice that the Bethel Airport Authority/Town of Bethel, will be conducting a public hearing to discuss the Draft Environmental Assessment prepared for the Colonel Dyke Airfield improvement projects.

The Draft Environmental Assessment is required by the Federal Aviation Administration and has been available for public examinations since October 13, 1999 at the Bethel Town Office and at the Bethel Town Library.

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, the 17th of November 1999, at Telstar High School, Bethel, Maine.

END OF SEASON STUDENT ART EXHIBIT



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Letters & Opinion

FREE CLASS: 'ALL THIS TRASH'

To the Editor:

"What do I do with all this trash?" may be a question of concern to readers. Other questions are: Are you confused about what can be recycled and what can't be? Are you frustrated by the amount of stuff that piles up before you can get to the recycling center? Do you wonder what happens to the paper, bottles, and plastic that you so carefully sort? Have you thought about what happens when the recyclables aren't sorted properly? Are you wishing you could do something with your vegetable waste now that it seems too cold and inconvenient to go to the compost pile?

For answers to all these questions, and others you may have, come to a free interactive class at Telstar High School on Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. focusing on the "three Rs" of trash management -- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Marie Bartlett and Jackie Cressy will share their strategies for dealing with all that stuff, and encourage you to share your ideas as well.

Cathy Newell
Director of Adult Education

'AMERICA RECYCLES DAY'

To the Editor:

Bethel joins the rest of the country in celebrating "America Recycles Day" this Saturday, Nov. 13, at Crescent Park School cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a free event for families and individuals to acknowledge community recycling efforts.

It will be a fun event of laughing and learning. Musicians include Donnie Katlin and Friends, Wendy Green, Shanna Walker, harpist Elissa Lufkin, and more. Crescent Park's own Mason Mills will entertain with his stand-up comic routine and Kara Masters-Siekman will assist Don Murphy with educational recycling skits.

A recycling contest for children will consist of creative judging of objects constructed from recyclable materials. The five object categories are: a musical instrument, an art piece (such as a collage or sculpture), a tool, modes of transportation, and anything goes. First-place prizes are gift certificates from area family restaurants. Channel 14 will be present to film the activity for later airing on the public access channel.

The purpose of the day's event is to increase the total amount of recycled waste in Bethel. In 1998, the Town of Bethel succeeded in attaining the Maine state goal of 50 percent recycling of the town's waste stream. For more information, call me at the town office (824-2669).

Don Murphy
Project Specialist, Bethel

Voting is not an exact science

By MIKE BROWN

If the November vote had been held in February, the clean sweep of referendum bonds, constitutional amendments and rejection of the abortion ban could be considered a cabin fever reliever.

Clearly, opponents of this cornucopia referenda took a bath. The surprisingly, or maybe not, large turnout was abetted by the emotional partial-birth abortion controversy. The proponents of the ban call it infanticide. The opponents called it deceptive and leading to the ban of all abortions.

One thing for sure is that the Maine vote will be headed to the U.S. Supreme Court because American abortion law is substantially controlled by this court. More than 30 states have banned the late-term procedure commonly called partial-birth abortion. The U.S. House of Representatives has also voted for the ban.

Another somewhat surprising vote was the endorsement of medical marijuana. Early polls indicated that it would not pass. But Maine voters have handed themselves a dilemma. Although the vote means that the law will go into effect 30 days after the vote has been officially tallied, it challenges federal law.

Marijuana comes under the federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970. It is classified as a Schedule I drug that has a high potential for abuse, lack of medical acceptance and unsafe for use under medical supervision. Other Schedule I drugs include heroin and LSD.

Federal law enforcement officials said before and after the Maine referendum that it would have no effect on the federal statute. And that the feds would aggressively prosecute any and all violators of the federal law including physicians.

Another somewhat surprising vote was the passage of MPBC's \$9.4 million bond issue to fund its switch from analog to digital broadcast. A questionable credibility tactic used by MPBC president, Rob Gardiner, was its "scare theme," that MPBC would lose its licenses and go off the air if the bond was not approved. MPBC already receives \$2.3 million annually from the Legislature's state taxes. It also received a \$2 million legislative rainy-day fund gift last biennium for its digital broadcast conversion.

Gardiner could not give an attribution to his Chicken Little claim. In fact, the FCC, which issues broadcast licenses, said just the opposite, that Gardiner's threat of pass-or-death statements were wholly "pre-mature." However, Gardiner consistently evoked the death watch over public television using two famous baby-sitting idols, Big Bird and Sesame Street.

Just prior to the referendum, the Capital Fund of MPBC staff and trustees had contributed \$147,000. An employee of MPBC said when final figures are in the Capital Fund contribution will probably be a half a million dollars, primarily from trustees.

The bond issues all passed, which says "goodbye, been nice to know ya" to Maine's fiscal conservative bond policy of reducing bond commitments by 10 percent less than those issued each year. Maine now has a general fund and highway bond debt of \$929,245,589 which includes \$159,838,242 interest -- the deficit cost of borrowing to do the people's business.

(Veteran newsman and columnist Mike Brown writes regularly on the Augusta political scene. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen.)

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VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE—It may look like "Playhouse Antiques" has a monopoly on the business sign at the bottom of Main Street in Bethel, but it's just the town's way of gathering public input on the best style of print to use on the signs. Several businesses have complained that the lettering used to date is too small and difficult to see. So town officials placed sample signs up at this site and at the top of Main Street for residents and businesspeople to evaluate. Anyone with an opinion should contact the Bethel Town Office.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Honduras

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But, said Bass, "It's unique that the church has taken a commitment to send such a large group from one church."

In addition to Chandler, other church members who will make the trip are Brendon Bass, his daughter, Caitlin, Chandler's son, Jeff, Don Isham and his daughter, Susan, Kara Masters-Siekman and Mark Wigley.

Two members of a Westbrook Congregational church will also join the group.

They will travel to the rural fishing community of Bajamar, located on the north Caribbean coast of Honduras. Much of the village was swept away in flood waters. The Mainers will help build 20 houses and a church.

They will stay in a hotel (a term used loosely, says the group) in Puerto Cortez and travel back and forth each day.

"We may have to use a canoe to get to the village," said Chandler, because a bridge washed out by the storm has not been rebuilt.

Some in the group have a background in carpentry, or, said Bass, at least have helped out builder

Don Isham in Community Concepts building projects in this area.

What inspired some of the others to take time out from their lives to help strangers thousands of miles away?

Wigley became interested in the trip after his wife, a nurse, returned this summer from a volunteer nurses' program in the Dominican Republic. "It gave me a lot more interest in this particular program," he said.

Siekman has several reasons for going. "I know some Spanish, and I have a love for Central and South America," she said. "And our presence can bring hope that people far away are connected with them (the Hondurans)."

Donations appreciated

The group has already received \$6,000 in pledges from church members and others to help with expenses. The total cost is estimated at \$14,000. The volunteers and those supporting their effort are confident the monetary goal will be met.

Among the fundraising projects is one spearheaded by Chandler. She is handling out a computer-

fashioned replica of a passport titled, "Passport to Honduras," to anyone who contributes to the cause. She plans to purchase postage stamps in the country and bring them back for "passport" holders to stick on the passports as a memento of the project.

Other fundraisers: Sunday School classes are making Christmas cards to sell, and the Women's Fellowship plans to donate a portion of the proceeds from its annual Christmas Fair.

This Saturday, the church will host a fundraising spaghetti supper in its dining room. The dinner runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

In addition to donating their time, the volunteers are also collecting tools and school supplies to take along as gifts for the villagers. Anyone wishing to contribute may bring the items to the supper, or drop them off at the church, or with Bass at another time.

All who contribute in any way will go in spirit to Honduras, said the group. "We're only 11 bodies, but we represent many who have contributed to our being there," said Siekman.



HELPING HANDS - AND TOOLS

Eight members of the West Parish Congregational Church will travel to Honduras in January to help build 20 new homes for refugees of Hurricane Mitch. They will also take along new tools to donate to the project. For anyone interested in adding to the tool gift selection, the following items are needed: hammers, nail aprons, leather work gloves, cross-cut saws, combination saws, speed squares, finishing trowels, levels. Shown here are (from left): Jane Chandler, Kara Masters-Siekman, Mark Wigley and Rev. Brendon Bass.

(Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Our Back Pages

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: The town of Bethel was awarded a grant of \$162,500 from the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) to help defray costs of sewer plant repairs.

The long-standing boundary dispute between Bethel and Newry involving the town line between Newry Corner and Gilead was again in court.

Much of the equipment auctioned off at Martha's Restaurant on lower Main Street (now Finish Line Pizza) was purchased by Warren and Jane Corliss for their Mountain View Country Store in West Bethel (formerly Head's Store).

Births: Daniel Lowell, Esther Pew, Anna Stancioff, Joshua Bennett.

Marriage: Peggy Roy and Javier Acebedo.

Deaths: Bertha Witham, Ruth Collins.

20 years ago: The SAD44 Board of Directors approved Robert Remington to serve as head ski coach at Telstar Regional High School.

The centennial of the Bethel Library Association was commemorated by the Honorable Margaret Joy Tibbetts, secretary of the library association, at the monthly meeting of Bethel Historical Society.

Melanie Swan was selected by the Telstar senior class and faculty as the 1979 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen.

The "Quilt of Names" was circulating in the Bethel community for inclusion of names of persons making donations of at least \$1 to the Bethel Area Health Center.

Birth: Darcie Morse.

Marriage: Sandra Miliard and William Rodman Barlow.

30 years ago: A house in South Bethel, owned by Francis Brooks and occupied by the Kenneth Mason family, was destroyed by fire.

Martha Tripp was approved, by the District 44 directors, to teach grade three at Woodstock Elementary School.

The Harlem Diplomats and the Telstar Faculty All-Stars participated in a comedy basketball game held at Telstar Regional High School.

The Bethel Selectmen refused all bids on the East Bethel schoolhouse and planned to place it out to bid again.

The Rev. and Mrs. Carl Kingsbury were honored at a retirement party by members of the Andover Congregational Church.

Births: Jerrold Mason, Kurt Young.

Deaths: Lillian Pulsifer, Roy Wardwell, Goldie Wight, Bernice Marsh.

40 years ago: The Bethel schools were observing National Education Week and all parents were invited to visit.

Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship, led by Kenneth Brooks, elected the following officers: president, Peter Davis; vice president, Anne Brown; secretary, Julia Brown; treasurer, Linda Brown.

The recent floodwaters caused an overdraft of \$499.36 in the Roads and Bridges account.

Town Manager Harold L. Bean, in his weekly column, referred to the overcrowded condition in which Bethel fire equipment was kept.

The Bethel Lions Club voted to continue their annual Christmas Street Lighting program.

Harry T. Savin of Farmington, formerly of Bethel, received his Odd Fellows 70-year membership jewel before a large assembly at Franklin Lodge in Farmington.

Births: Dawne Kneeland, Kathy Kneeland.

Deaths: Ethel Penley, Myrtle Chase, Homer Crocker, Estella Millett.

50 years ago: An Armistice Day Dance was held at Albany Basins.

The Woodstock High School seniors sold hot dogs and soft drinks at the Hunters' Ball held in the gym for benefit of the firemen.

Richard Carter was installed as master of Alder River Grange.

Births: Ann Benjamin, Barbara Eldredge.

Deaths: Rev. Chester Oliver, Cassandra Cole.

100 years ago: The Chair Factory was working evenings to fill orders.

The cider mill (located on Cross Street) was operating with a large supply of apples to process.

Ground was broken for the electric light poles.

The first rehearsal for the 1900 Maine Music Festival was held at Dr. Gehring's.

Gould Academy played football with Rumford and won 17-0.

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Briefly

Cable negotiations begin

NEWRY—A cable TV company official offered Newry a glimmer of hope Tuesday regarding the town's effort to bring cable to the Bear River area. Shelley Winchenbach of Adelphi Cable met with selectmen in the first phase of cable contract negotiations. The town's current contract expires the end of this year. Newry has argued for several years it should be entitled to cable throughout town based on the high density of customers at Sunday River Ski Resort. Adelphi recently bought out FrontierVision, which previously provided service for Newry. FrontierVision had refused the town's request, saying the company had to rely on the density of homes in the specific areas in question. "This is not a commitment," Winchenbach said of her tentative proposal, but, she said, Adelphi is working toward interconnecting Rumford and Bethel in its system. Doing so, she said, might enable the company to run cable up from Newry Corner. The average customer density in the Bear River area is about 11.5 per mile. The likely basic standard selectmen and the company will use is 15 customers per mile. "I hope to get Bear River because it's close (in numbers)," said Winchenbach. If the resort customers are used as credit for the town, the approximately 1,400 customers at Sunday River Ski Resort would count as a ratio of 3.5 resort customers equaling one regular home residence. "We have a lot of 'donor density,'" said selectmen Steve Wight. Winchenbach said she was concerned about the relatively high use of satellite dishes in Bear River, which could lower the projected customer density. But, said town officials, they believed Adelphi would get a good response to a "dish buyout" program the company employs to win over dish customers, because the Bear River residents could then gain access to local Channel 4. Areas of the Sunday River Valley beyond the ski resort could present more of a problem, said Winchenbach, because the residence density is much lower. She said all of the points discussed are very preliminary. The company will send someone out to get a more accurate count of residences in town before negotiations proceed further.

Fire damages Woodstock home

WOODSTOCK—A mobile home owned by Wesley Cox was severely damaged by fire Saturday night. Fire Chief Bill Seames said the fire started in the kitchen area and appeared to be electrical in nature. The blaze also burned the living room. Although firefighters were able to save the bedroom end of the structure, Seames considered the home a total loss. Greenwood and West Paris firefighters also assisted in fighting the fire.

Chase fired in Dixfield

DIXFIELD—Dixfield last week joined Peru in firing animal control officer Everett Chase. Chase has also been suspended by Mexico. The ACO pled guilty in Oxford County Superior Court in September to unlawful sexual contact with a minor. The incident occurred in June of 1996 with a girl under age 14. Chase has not yet been sentenced. Dixfield Town Manager Richard Robinson told Chase in a letter he was released from his duties because of "substantial credible evidence that you engaged in conduct that constitutes a breach of your oath of office to the town and a violation of the public trust in you, and that has eroded my confidence in your ability and fitness to perform the duties incumbent on you as animal control officer for the town." Chase is still employed as ACO in Bethel.

TV tips from Baker

NEWRY—Marci Baker of Newry, a personal fitness trainer, is currently working with WCSH-TV, Channel 6, as the station's fitness expert. Baker has been featured in several series on fitness tips that air on Monday nights during the 5 p.m. news. Another series on more advanced training techniques air on Wednesday mornings in the 6:30 a.m. time slot. Baker's topics include tips on back-strengthening exercises, stretching and working with an exercise ball.

Navy chopper coming to Newry

NEWRY—A Navy helicopter from the Brunswick Naval Air Station will conduct training exercises Sunday in Newry with the Bethel Search and Rescue team. The training will take place in the area of the Newry Fire Station in the Bear River area of town around 10 or 11 a.m.

"Jet ski" bans proposed

AUGUSTA—Several dozen ponds and lakes, varying widely by size, have been targeted by towns and cities around the state seeking to ban personal watercraft on them. An officer with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife said requests from municipalities cover between 40 and 50 bodies of water. One pond proposed for restriction is only four acres. Another lake measures 3,826 acres. Department officials will issue a report to the Legislature, which could enact individual bans on the watercraft. Requests have come from Mount Desert, Phippsburg, Aurora, Otisfield, Mount Vernon, Union and Northport. Bans on personal watercraft on some lakes and ponds have been passed in Naples and in Oxford, Hancock and Washington counties. Locally, Greenwood and Woodstock were among the first in the state to ban the craft.

Fish swimming up Kennebec

AUGUSTA—To the delight of conservationists and fishermen, Atlantic salmon have returned to the waters above the site of a 162-year-old dam that was torn down earlier this year to allow fish to swim upstream. Striped bass have come back, too, in such numbers that fishermen have been having a field day on the upper Kennebec River. The strippers have been feeding on yet another species that swims upstream from the sea, alewives. The removal of the 24-foot-high Edwards Dam has completed the rebirth of what was historically such a rich fishery that early colonial settlers grew weary of eating fish. In 1997, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission decided the dam should be torn down for the good of the environment. The Edwards became the first hydroelectric dam in the country ordered removed by the U.S. government against its owners' wishes. Contractors completed the removal the timber, stone and concrete structure Oct. 8.

Voters approve zoning changes

KILLINGTON, Vt.—Voters have overwhelmingly approved two zoning changes that will permit new developments in the resort town. One change allows a swath of about 400 acres around the base area of Killington ski area to be rezoned. The resort needed the change to proceed with its plans for a proposed slopeside village on the site that over about 20 years could cost \$717 million. The other change rezones land near U.S. Route 4 on which businessman Bernard Rome, a former Republican gubernatorial candidate, wants to build the Killington Center for the Arts. Both zoning questions last week required two-thirds approval by voters and each received more than 75 percent of the vote. On the slopeside village, there were 364 votes in favor and 112 against. On the arts center, the vote was 348-125 in favor. Carl Spangler, vice president of American Skiing Co., said the resort has several projects that could proceed after the necessary permits are obtained, including the second phase of the Killington Grand Hotel or a Marriott hotel project.

Acadia gets transportation funds

BAR HARBOR—The federal government has picked Acadia National Park as test site for a project designed to expand transportation options while improving safety, access and mobility in national parks. Acadia will receive \$2 million to expand an ongoing alternate transportation project that began in June. Under that project, the park introduced a fleet of eight propane-powered shuttle buses to transport passengers to various spots in the park and elsewhere on Mount Desert Island. The service gained a ridership of up to 3,000 people, enabling them to leave their cars parked at motels and campgrounds. The expansion will center on a system that includes electronic signs to provide travelers with real-time information in such areas as parking availability, bus arrival and departure times.



BETHEL DOWN TO ONE CRUISER—Bethel Police Chief Darren Tripp and Officer Nate Wight received minor injuries last Wednesday night when their cruiser struck a large deer on Route 26 in South Paris. The 1995 vehicle had an estimated \$9,000 in damages and was declared a total loss. Several years ago, former Bethel officer Gene Allen hit a deer in the same cruiser in nearly the same Route 26 location. Selectmen will consider Monday whether to add an item to the Dec. 6 special Town Meeting warrant asking voters if they wish to fund a new cruiser. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community. Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship). The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances allow. Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109 or fax to: 824-2426.

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Friday, Nov. 5

At 12:28 a.m. police stopped a subject on Route 2 for a vehicle defect. A license check showed the driver's license had expired in 1998. The officer also found a passenger had been consuming alcohol. The alcohol was dumped and the driver, Ronald Pare, 43, of South Londonderry, Vt. was charged with operating with an expired license and operating with an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. The passenger was checked for inebriation and found to be fine. He was then allowed to drive his companion the rest of the way.

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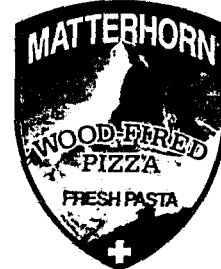
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Recycling

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Those names, like "mixed paper," don't always reflect the average Joe's idea of what should go into the bin. Most folks don't want to take the time and read the fine print explaining all the rules.

Office paper, for example, does not include window envelopes or glossy paper. That's mixed paper. Newspaper, because of a high clay content, has to go into a separate bin. And not all cans are created equal. Some are tin, and go in one bin, others are aluminum, have a white lining, and go in a different bin.

The goal of all this sorting is to have bins containing items that can easily be bailed and sold for reuse.

Sweatt works five to six hours a week, all year long. "In the winter," he said, "my hands get cold. I wear mittens. That thumb aches, sticking out there on its own. Sometimes, I warm my mittens on the tail pipe. My hands get like lobster claws. It's hard to sort mixed paper with lobster claws."

Strange things end up in the bins. In addition to last week's bacon grease Sweatt has found dead animals, diapers, motor oil bottles, linoleum, microwave ovens, LP Gas canisters, and paint cans. Many of these contaminants are hazardous waste.

Sometimes it gets to him -- the seeming heedlessness of some people. "Why is it up to me to dispose of this stuff for them?" he asks. "It's not my responsibility."

Part of the problem in Bethel is the lack of a full-time attendant.

According to Marie Bartlett, of Oxford County Regional Solid Waste, all the other recycling centers that they serve have limited hours of operation and an attendant on duty. The center in Bethel is the only one without an attendant, and the hours of operation aren't controlled. This makes it easier for people to put anything, including hazardous waste, in the bins.

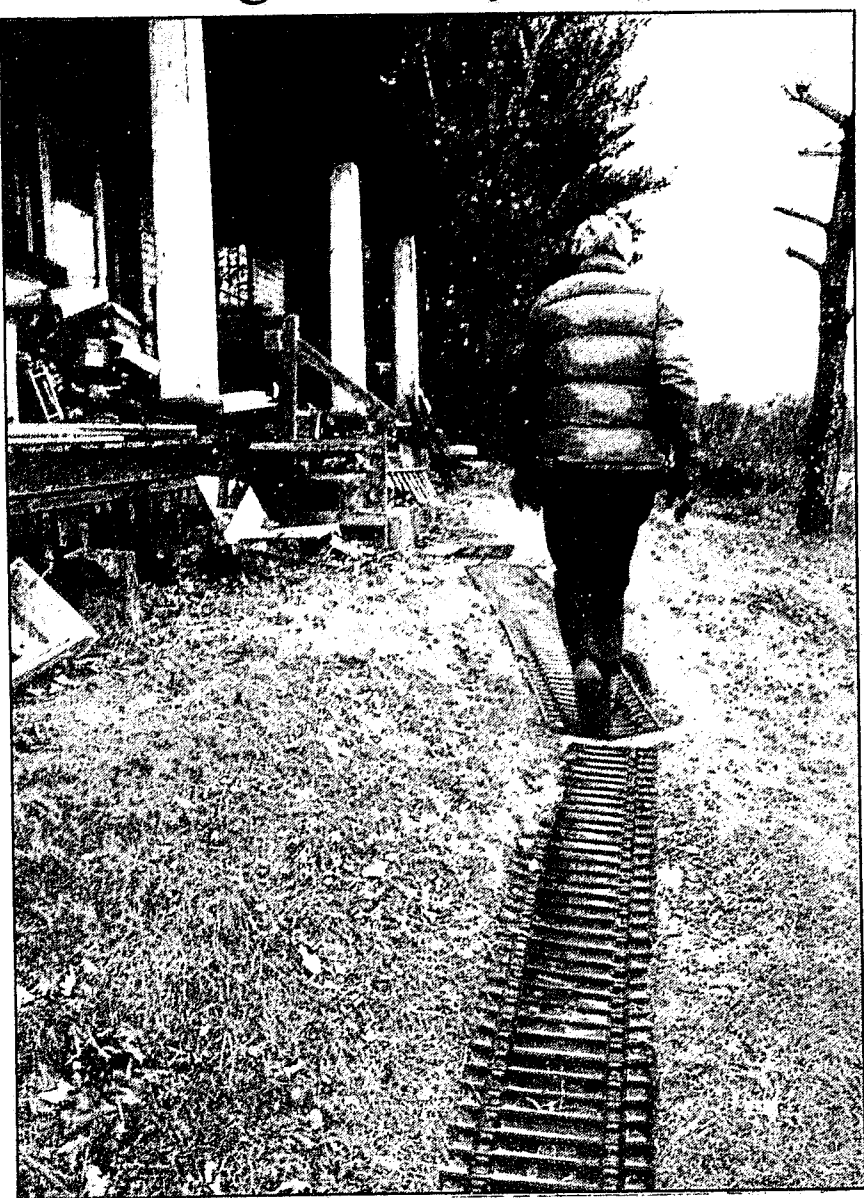
The attendants at other recycling centers provide guidance and training, helping people to put their recyclables into the proper bins. They turn away items that can't be recycled, suggesting the proper way to dispose of them. The citizens, in turn, learn the ins and outs of recycling, Bartlett said.

Sweatt is a bit skeptical that even a full-time attendant would solve the contamination problem, but since he can't be there when most people drop off their recyclables, he would like to at least stencil the bins to more accurately reflect the desired contents of each.

But, Bartlett said, that this is not possible. The containers are itinerant -- brought in empty, hauled away full, constantly shifting from town to town.

Having the Bethel recycling center and transfer station in different locations also cuts down on recycling. People have to go to the transfer station. They don't have to recycle. And every cereal box or tin can that is not recycled costs the taxpayers money.

Walking the recycling walk



Clayton Sweatt heads up the walk to his house, over a path lined with discarded vehicle treads. (Photo by Michael Daniels)

It costs approximately \$85 a ton to send household trash to a landfill. But the town pays a flat fee for recycling, and that fee doesn't change no matter how much material is recycled. Bartlett calculated that last year it cost about \$30 to \$33 a ton to recycle in Bethel. Had the tonnage of recyclables gone up, the cost per ton would have gone down. The landfill cost of \$85 a ton stays the same, so there is a significant savings to be had by recycling.

The stakes are high. For example, in fiscal year 1993, Bethel spent \$151,340 to dispose of its solid waste. In FY 1999, it spent \$205,847, a 36 percent increase.

Reuse Not everything that comes into the transfer station is at the end of its useful life and destined for the landfill. Or at least it doesn't need to be.

At the transfer station for Greenwood and Woodstock, there's a swap shop that is open six months a year. Small appliances, lamps, furniture, books, or toys are left there by people who no longer want them. If you're looking for such an item, you might find it at the swap shop and not have to buy it new.

Bethel has the District Exchange,

where clothing can be left off. Other than that, the closest thing to a swap shop is Sweatt's yard.

"I've been able to help lots of people out when they needed stuff," he said. And that was all "stuff" that they didn't have to go out and purchase new.

Sweatt will keep recycling and reusing whenever he can, because he believes it's the right thing to do. He'll work in the heat of the summer or the cold of the winter, cleaning up trash other folks haven't managed to take care of properly -- for as long as he's able.

"I'm blessed to be still able to do this at my age," he said, "but I don't know how much longer I'll be able to continue. Things just keep getting heavier."

His usual rewards are a meager paycheck and a sense of having done the right thing. But there can be other benefits. When Maine passed the bottle bill, Sweatt asked former Town Manager Madeleine Henley what to do with the drink bottles that came in.

She told him to keep the nickels. He now makes about \$500 dollars a year that way. "Some people leave the bottles outside for me, purposely," he said. "I'm very grateful for that."

Access

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also like to expand usage."

In particular, he said, he would like to see more snowmobile access to the Crocker Pond area of Albany. Snowmobile groups want to use old county roads and timber sale roads. The clubs do their part in maintaining the trails and taking erosion control measures, he said, and would continue the practice in any new areas opened up to them.

Freda said snowmobilers generally have a good relationship with the Forest Service. He cited recent cooperation to open a new trail through Gilead. "That's a good example they're willing to work with the locals," he said. "Let's not let it stop there."

Environmentalists do not want to entirely banish snowmobiles, which now have access to about 300 miles of trails. But they do want to ban them from some areas where the noise is particularly disturbing to wildlife.

Freda doesn't buy their concerns. Snowmobiling -- and logging -- have been part of wildlife's habitat for years, he said. "Do you mean to tell me our deer and our wildlife haven't gotten acclimated to the noise?" he asked.

The answer to that question, says WMNF wildlife biologist Lesley Rowse, is not black and white.

When snowmobilers, for example, pass a deer wintering area, their presence can elevate the deer's metabolic rate, she said, even if the animals don't react in panic.

In a bad winter, when the deer are "living on the edge" of survival, such experiences can make the difference between living through the winter or not, she said.

Rowse acknowledges the

argument of some recreationists, including Freda, that snowmobile trails provide easier passage for deer during winters of heavy snow. But, noted Rowse, the trails also make it easier for the deer's predators.

She said the USFS has not done detailed studies of the effects on wildlife, but rather tries to manage based on general principles outlined in wildlife literature.

When existing snow machine trails have to be rebuilt or rerouted, she said, the clubs work with the Forest Service to avoid more sensitive wildlife areas.

Rowse hopes the input process for the new forest plan will give her and other USFS professionals valuable information. "We're hoping for a comprehensive look at the snowmobile system," she said.

"Trash the land" Off-road groups want to join the snowmobilers in having access to the forest because, said Bob Jennings, New Hampshire representative of the United Four Wheel Drive Association, there is virtually nowhere else in New Hampshire designated for off-road riding.

But Julie Wormser, northeast regional associate for the Wilderness Society, said off-roaders have few places to go in New Hampshire for a good reason. "Private lands are not opening up because it does trash the land and private landowners don't want that," she said.

Four-wheel drive vehicles, ATVs and dirt bikes, say access opponents, cause heavy erosion that conflicts with one of the forest service's primary goals: to protect watersheds. The vehicles also drive

out wildlife and contribute to air pollution, according to some.

John Kimball of Albany, president of the 65-member Overland Jeepers of Maine, said hikers cause their own share of damage to hiking trails.

"Any traffic is a problem," he said. Kimball has seen instances, he said, where heavy use has widened hiking trails to the point where a jeep could drive them.

He worries the environmental groups are out to "shut down everything in the forest." In the WMNF, he said, the key word is national -- "anyone in the U.S. can comment," he said.

Some environmental groups, said Kimball, have the money to hire full-time lobbyists, making them formidable opponents for the small, local recreation groups.

Kimball's club is seeking access mainly as a means to get from one point to another across Albany, Stoneham and Evergreen Valley, he said.

They would also like to have the opportunity to tour areas of historic significance, he said, such as the old mail route to Stoneham and West Bethel. "We'd like to see some of the old homesteads, foundations and old cemeteries," he said.

He and other off-roaders will continue to press their case in the management plan process. There are four-wheel drive groups gearing up to take the issue to court if forest access is denied, he said.

The next meeting for public input in Bethel is scheduled for Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., at the U.S. Forest Service office.

Cats

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cerned about the primitive and unsanitary living conditions, but they were repeatedly rebuffed in their own efforts to help.

They also contacted the town on a number of occasions asking that something be done about the situation, Cole wrote in a Nov. 4 memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Cole said he initially told the family members this was best handled as a family matter, but following a visit last week to the house and further conversations with the family he decided some action by the town was necessary.

Not only was the number of cats growing exponentially, he said, but the older woman was scheduled for surgery this week for oral cancer, and family members were concerned her health would be jeopardized if she returned to the Flat Road dwelling.

"It was pretty apparent something

had to be done, and that the family members were not going to be able to effect any change on their own," he said Wednesday.

Following his visit he drafted a letter to Chapman pointing out that the condition of the house and surrounding yard probably constituted a "dangerous building," as defined under Maine law, and noting that "the numerous cats at this location are improperly cared for, and that, under Maine law, the town has legitimate cause to take possession of these animals for the purpose(s) of placing them in alternative homes or disposing of them in a humane manner."

"At this point, the town is reviewing its options," he wrote. "While the town is prepared to seek the necessary court authorizations, a cooperative solution would be far more desirable."

Cole hand delivered the letter to

the two women, and, according to his memo, "we spoke cordially 15-20 minutes about everything."

Following that discussion, the elder woman was taken for her surgery and the daughter agreed to relocate with other family members.

The cats were removed to other locations, Cole said. He declined to identify the people who relocated the cats, other than to say they were "people who care."

He said he did not know how many, if any, of the cats would ultimately need to be euthanized.

If the selectmen determine the house should be demolished, Cole said, the town would have two options: either seek approval through the courts, or move ahead on its own after holding a public hearing on the matter.

Cheering

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students spoke individually about the need to improve school spirit and provide an after-school activity for students not interested in traditional sports teams.

"I think it would be very beneficial to the school," said Mary Law-

rence. "We could get more people involved in school activities."

Merrie Lee Ojeda, a member of the athletic boosters and the alumni association, said both those groups support having a cheering squad. "The alumni made the suggestion last year," she said.

She noted school spirit had been strong in the days when Telstar had a football team. Football is too expensive to fund now, she said, but a cheering squad could serve the same purpose.

"I presume we could keep it going like this (at no charge to the district) for a while," she said.

Some directors still expressed concern about possible expectations of funding for the program in a couple of years, but in the end,

only Greenwood's Jeff Harren and board chair Kelly Scotti of Andover voted against the plan.

Scotti said she did not want to take a step that could lead to an expansion of Schedule B, the portion of the teachers' contract dealing with the specific stipends for coaching and other extra-curricular positions.

"I feel going to the School Board was a great learning experience for all of us," said Driscoll. "I'm glad that we pursued the 'no' vote."

Driscoll and her squad plan to get right to work. "We're starting practice next week, and we'll be out in full force in the next couple of weeks collecting donations and doing a bottle drive to purchase the uniforms."

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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Rachel McKnight of Jericho, Vt., was a Sunday guest of her parents, Bob and Ginny Keniston.

Becky Shaw joined them for dinner.

Guests at the home of Peter Roth this week were Lisa's parents, William and Nan Rauch and brother Paul of Locust Grove, Va.

I had cataract surgery this week and now can see the awful truth, like dust, wrinkles, housework that needs attention, etc. — but it's wonderful.

I received a note from Don Lord of Apopka, Fla., formerly of Bethel, who states: "We went to Bethel mainly to attend my 50th Gould Reunion. One of the highlights during that weekend was the 1 October party for the Class of 1949 Gould Alumni given at John and Edleen Winslow's home. The party was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the people that attended. In fact, it set a wonderful atmosphere for the whole weekend. We had nineteen '49 classmates, six other Gould grads, plus spouses, for a total of 44 people. Special thanks go to Edleen Winslow and Rachel MacKay for all the food preparation that made for a great party. Dwight and Gretchen Lord and Janice and Don Mott were also there to help me celebrate the special weekend. During the three weeks Jenny and I were in Bethel, we stayed with Johnny and Edleen. We certainly want to publicly express our appreciation and thanks for all their hospitality."

Gould Academy classmates Pat and Bill Moore, Hi and Mary Lou Berry and Bob and Polly Davis enjoyed an evening of reminiscing at the Davis home last Saturday. Pat was in Bethel to attend the Gould Academy Alumni Association Board meeting.

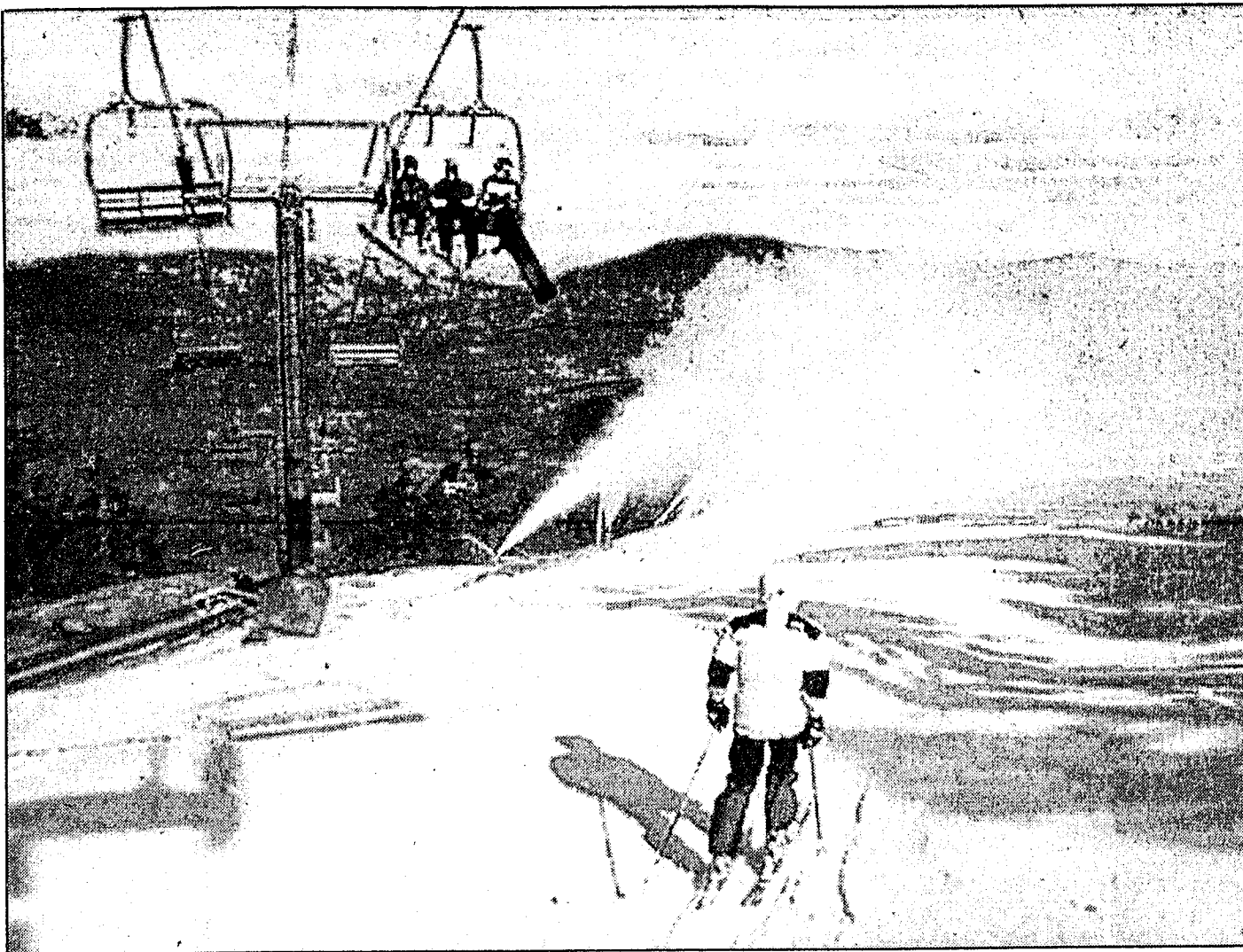
Frederick "Bud" Kneeland will be a patient at Mercy Hospital, Room 215, 144 State Street, Portland, ME 04101 for the next two to three weeks, and would enjoy hearing from his many friends in the Bethel area.

Mary Lou Berry underwent cataract surgery on Tuesday of this week.

There will be a PTA meeting Wednesday, Nov. 17, in the cafeteria at Crescent Park School. The presentation will be "Where is My Nana?" This is a short story production by Sue Farrar and her Reader's Theatre about Alzheimer's disease. Performing will be Kelsey Gamble, Persis Post, Susan Isham and Dorothy Duddy.

"America Recycles Day," a mix of entertainment and education, is the theme of a local activity to be held at Crescent Park School on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Entertainment for the whole family will include musicians Donnie Katlin and friends Wendy Green, Jan Krubiak and Shanna Walker.

A group of friends and SAD44



LET THE GUNS BEGIN
Sunday River Ski Resort opened for the season Sunday. Skiers and snowboarders took the first turns on the T2 trail. The resort has added 150 new tower snowguns to its snowmaking system, bringing the total number to 1,500.

(Photo by Ryan Triffitt)

how, the games were close and we all had fun. Thanks to Ron for getting me a drink of cider and to Cindy for bringing me a doughnut.

Florence Morgan was at the Bethel House recently to help her sister, Eva Lane.

A man from Portland put in new steps and replaced some boards on the porch floor at the Bethel House recently.

Vada Glover spent the day with me on Tuesday. She took me up so I could vote. We walked to the store, came home and left the groceries. Then we walked to the post office for my Christmas stamps. We went to Ketter's and got some pills, had a wonderful pot roast dinner at Market Square and, of course, played cribbage. Now in 433 games for 1999 Vada is three ahead.

Hello Irene and Mary at Norway Rehab.

West Paris



by Miriam Inman
Vance Bacon, Gregg, Vernon and Walter Inman Sr. left on Sunday to spend the week at the

Albany hunting camp. Joe Perham joined them on Tuesday. I haven't heard of any luck yet.

On Tuesday, Beverly Stevens, Joyce and Cynthia Lamb, Peg Perham and Miriam Inman spent the day shopping at the Maine Mall. It's too big for this old lady. We had a good time anyway.

The West Paris Historical Society sponsored a hunter's breakfast last Saturday morning. We had a good attendance and it was quite profitable. The next meeting of the historical society will be on Monday, Nov. 15, for a potluck supper, with Vern and Miriam Inman as the committee. Milton Inman will play old audio tapes for entertainment.

Don't forget the annual chicken pie supper at the Universalist Church on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

To submit events for the Community Calendar, you may bring in your copy to The Bethel Citizen or call the office at 824-2444, by noon on Mondays.

bus drivers met a Breaux's for breakfast and to visit with Carol Olson Hall, formerly of Bethel, who is spending some time in the area.

Dick Paine of Keene, N.H., and Roger Adams of Simsbury, Conn., spent the weekend with Bud and Mary Paine and attended the Gould Academy Alumni Association Board meeting on Saturday.

Daisy LeClair recently found among her collections a recital program for Mrs. Brickett's Junior Pupils, held on June 19, 1930, and felt long-time Bethel citizens would enjoy seeing the list of participants: Dorothy Hutchinson, Katherine Brinck, Phyllis Davis, Barbara Lyon, Virginia Davis, Maynard Austin, Edith Arsenault, Elizabeth Lyon, Doris Dunsmoor, Erlend Wentzel, O'Neil Robertson, Katherine Davis, Mary Wheeler, Barbara Moore, Chester Wheeler, Arlene Greenleaf, Marguerite Deegan, Margaret Tibbetts, Edgar Rainey, Dale Thurston, Henry Hastings Jr. Mary Tibbetts, Irene Conner, Marguerite Hall.

The Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Edna Curtis went to Ledgeview on Oct. 27. She would like to receive cards and have visitors, I am sure.

My brother brought me some lovely beef stew the other afternoon that he had made. It really was good, but he said the dog would not eat it, so he brought it to me.

The Unicorn Flower Shop folks put steps down over the bank at the Bethel House recently. Back in '83 when the place first opened and my brother Roger and sister Amy were here, Roger said it would be a good

idea. Well I heard rumors through the years that it was going to be done and at last it has been.

Patty Greig left me some very nice cookies the other day. I was only downstairs after my mail but of course she did not know, so I missed a nice visit with her. Hope she will be back to visit and maybe have more cookies.

Helena Bartlett has given up her apartment here. She came here in 1987. Her son, Paul, and his friend, Lloyd Cole, moved her larger belongings out one day and since then Paul has been back a lot to clean up and get the rest of the things. She will be with Paul and Marie now.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Webster were in North Conway, N.H., shopping on Saturday.

Drew Webster has been working getting their place ready for winter and getting in some wood he uses for a backup. He has also been out to John Kallis' home on Songo Pond to shut the water off and get it ready for winter. He comes out and checks on me every day, too, and picks up my paper. Drew and Judy are always helping someone.

Cathy Newell was up on Saturday and she, Mary and I went to the store.

KC Denton was at the Bethel House on Friday doing maintenance work. Now he has the outside lights adjusted so they come

on and go off when they should and he did lots of other things.

Adelia Waterhouse and daughter, Doris Sandell, were in town recently and Olive Williams went to lunch with them.

Irene Russell is reported to be doing well at Norway Rehab and Living Center, but I am sure she would enjoy cards and visits.

It may be a bit early, but I want to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and I hope you realize how much you really have to be thankful for.

We're back on standard time again. Darkness comes so early now. To me these short days are the longest. My evenings are long and lonely. How about some phone calls or visits from some of you?

Andrea Bennett, Lacy Phillips and Pastor Rick were down front on Sunday leading the group in singing the choruses. Pastor Rick also played his guitar. For the hymns as well as the choruses Judy Webster was at the piano and Peggy Mowery played the flute. There was a very nice attendance. A video was shown on Cambodia; it was part two. Pastor Rick's message was "No Other Gods" part two. All hymns and choruses were great but to me two were the greatest, "How Great Thou Art" and "Whiter Than Snow."

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Upton



by Eleanor LeCompte

At five a.m. on Saturday morning, the only lights in town to be seen were at the Ladies Aide Building, as the ladies prepared the Hunters Breakfast. It was a great success, with hunters attending from several towns in the area. There was a wide variety of food available, from eggs benedict to french toast and chipped beef on toast. About 50 people attended. A lively business in craft sales and raffle tickets also took place. The ladies are to be commended on this fine community endeavor. Many thanks to Fran Coffin for his generous donations to the breakfast.

Not many shots have been heard in the woods. Buster Williamson got his deer the second day out. There were quite a few hunters around Saturday but it's difficult to know if anyone got lucky, because we don't have a deer inspection station in Upton. The lucky hunters must tote the animal to Andover or Bethel. It's a little inconvenient, since Upton isn't next door to anything.

Unseasonably warm weather persists and there is no sign of ice in the cove. Last week we had another one of those pesky windstorms and lost power overnight. It's more like March than November. Five trees came down in our yard narrowly missing Richard's pickup. Roger Lavalley had them cleaned up and carried away by 8:30 in the morning.

Sue Angevine informs me that her house is not painted cinnamon brown. It is chestnut. I say this because you might make a mistake and visit the wrong house on East "B" Hill. Sorry, Sue, but at this age my eyes start to go.

The bald eagle is still making periodic fishing trips to the cove. The robins have become scarce. They cleaned out every red berry and crabapple in town and left us colorless. I think the cardinals must be establishing themselves in town. Every winter, one or two are seen. Sue Angevine had a female that wintered over in her area last year. Sue Nelson had two males and a female at her feeder on Friday. If they plan to stay, they had better be

tough. Winter is no picnic in Upton.

Evelyn Kenney, Sue Nelson, Liz Stanczyk, Ann Dawson of Rumford and I started this year's round of craft sales on Saturday afternoon. We always attend the Extension Craft Show in Dixfield and proceed on to the "Green Church" in Mexico. It's a good chance to do some early Christmas shopping and buy some things that we "can't do without". I think Sue blew her Christmas Club check, because it took all of us to cart her homemade baskets to the car. We also purchased several gallons of cider prepared at the Green Church.

The Bird of the Week is the fox sparrow. This little fellow is larger and heavier than a house sparrow. He is boldly striped with rufous brown above. His under parts are white and heavily spotted with brown. The sides of his head are gray with brown stripes. We don't see him too often in the summer since he likes the dense forest thickets. In the fall and spring we can see him dancing back and forth to free up seeds under the feeder. We never see more than one at a time.

Before closing, we would like to mention the disgraceful slaughter of moose near Moosehead. Good luck to all the hunters in the area, may they enjoy our great outdoors and have a safe and fruitful season.

Roger Lavalley has purchased a "snazzy" new rototiller. Several people have approached him to do their gardens this fall, to prepare them for spring planting.

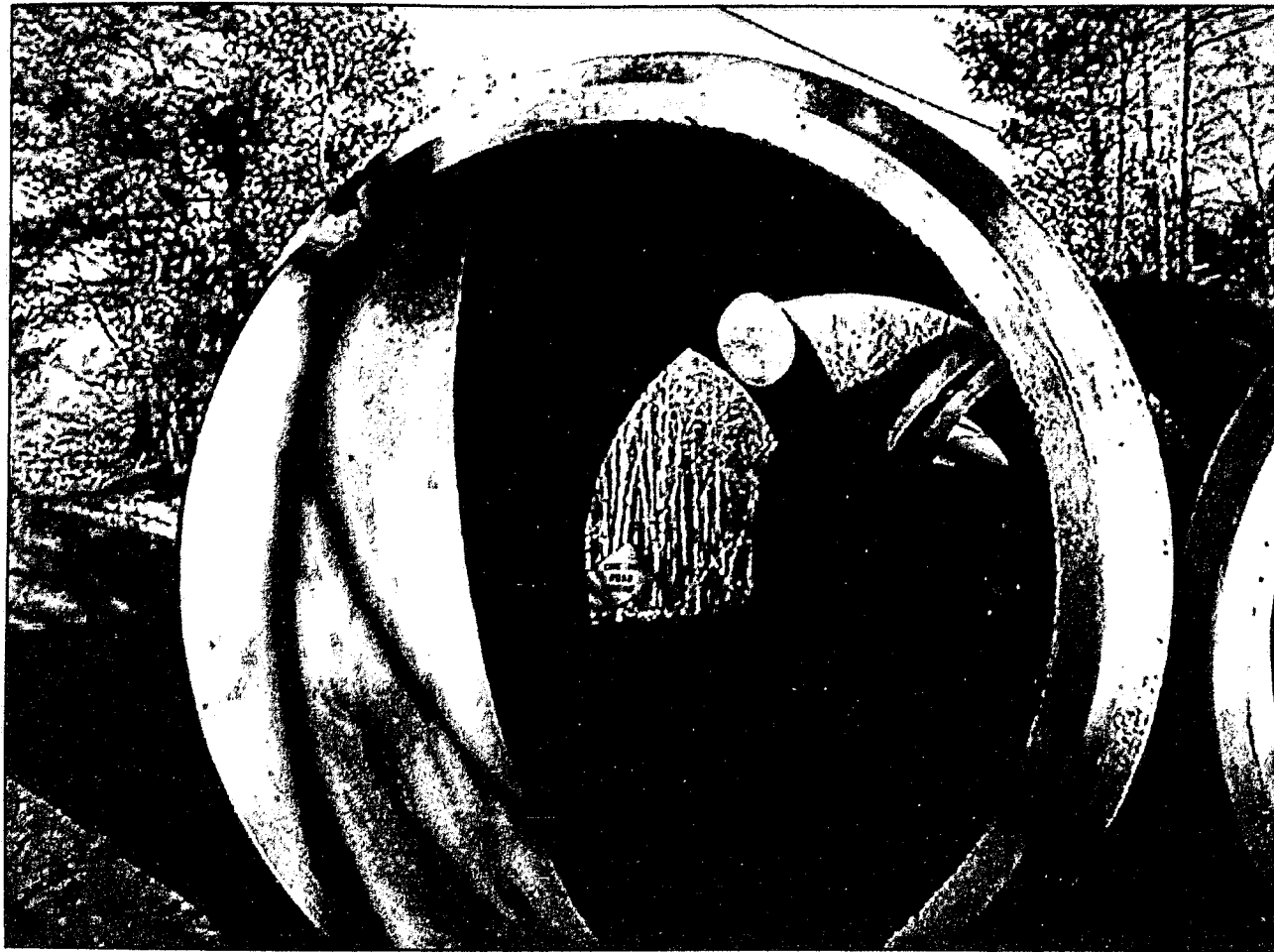
South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

I'm finally back to doing the news. My operation was a success and I want to thank

everyone who called or stopped by to wish me well. Also, special thanks to Joan and Phelps Poland for the extra things they did for me. Many thanks for the food that was brought in; it was appreciated very much and helped make meals easier. Special thanks to my husband, Richard, for the hours of waiting on me and helping me get better. I'm not fully recovered, but I am improving each day. Thanks to the



BRIDGE WORK

The one-way bridge at the entrance of the Hutchinson Pond Road in Albany is currently under construction. For years residents of Hutchinson Pond have expressed concern about the safety of the bridge. Road Commissioner Everett Hatstat recently went before the Oxford County commissioners and confirmed the concerns of locals. The commissioner then gave the go-ahead for the construction of a new two-way bridge. As of Wednesday, five large culverts had been put in place and the new bridge was well underway.

(Photo: Dotty 'Digital' Duddy)

SDA Church for the beautiful fall flower arrangement. I really enjoyed it.

I was very sorry to hear that Laurene Appleby had a heart attack this week. She is being transferred to a Portland hospital for tests. Much thanks to Danielle Appleby for calling me and letting me know how Laurene was coming along. We wish Laurene a speedy recovery.

Rosalie Poland would like to report that the Whitman Memorial Library Walk-a-thon was a success. A new chimney has been put in and a new furnace has been installed. At the meeting, held Oct. 21, it was voted to have a book drop to make it easier to return books. This will be done shortly. The library has received books from 30 states each signed by the governor of the state.

Maxine and Roland Camire were guests at their 50th wedding anniversary dinner recently. It was held in Saco. Those attending from this area were Tommy Poland, Dennis and Debbie Poland, Judy and Dave Brown and Sherri Poland. Maxine is the sister of Tommy Poland of South Woodstock.

Many happy returns to those celebrating birthdays in November. They are: Erlon Hadley, Kris Miclon, Amanda Miclon, Tim Poland, Perry Ryerson, Anna Ryerson, Sandra Monzo, Caesar Morgan, Diana Dunn, Lorena Wilson, Faith Verrill, Jerrod Verrill, Dale Hadley, Don Mason Sr., Danny Brown, Ozzie Hart, Isabel Brown, Margery Gleason, Anne Dunham and Randy Wilday. An extra special birthday wish to my sister-in-law, Joan Poland, who was happy to turn a year older this year.

Megan Mack shot a buck this deer hunting season. She also got a moose during the moose season.

Brad Record was a lucky hunter one Saturday this year.

Kellie Record met Carol Hall at the mall in South Portland for lunch last week. Kellie was surprised by a visit while there from her grandson, Zachary Lynch. He went to lunch with them. Zachary is now seven months old.

Larry Billings, curator of the Woodstock Historical Society, reports that the museum has many types of exhibits, furniture, glass, china, art, uniforms and dresses,

quilts, tools, photos, books, jewelry, postcards, etc. Attend a meeting and you can tour the museum as well. The programs are interesting and refreshments are served. What more could you want? The society encourages you to research your genealogy. There is nearly always something fascinating to discover about them, and you may learn more than you think about yourself in the process.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that when you make new friends, don't forget the old. One is silver, the other gold."

West Bethel



by Karen Jordan

"Bear Story" In memory of Gete (Flint) (Clark) Quinn, 1911-1999 taken from an interview with

Gete in 1998.

"I'll tell you a bear story. Free Clark was in the service (WWII). My dad and me -- we were the whole crew. We couldn't get help -- course not. They all went down to the shipyards to make big money -- they weren't interested in little jobs like Bosebuck. So we had damn little help. We had a man who ran the boat and he thought my dad was wonderful and would do anything to help, so we were pretty much the whole crew. Perl and Bob and me.

"I slept in a cabin next to dad and we woke up in the middle of the night one night. What the hell is that? I listened and listened -- it doesn't sound right. I got up and went out onto the porch.

'Perl, I can hear something,' I yelled.

"Oh go back to bed, it's nothing except a deer blowing out back."

"I walked the path down to the kitchen and heard something go kerthump, kerthump, kerthump, and I thought, 'If that's a deer, he's blowing it out of something else.'"

"I got Perl up and in the pitch black of night found out there was a bear trying to get into the kitchen and a big kitchen like that one is not hard for a bear to walk into. You hit it good and hard on the corner, and pretty soon you're going to go through. Nobody had gone through, but they'd made a nice hole.

"Perl said, 'Jesus Christ. We did have a bear.'"

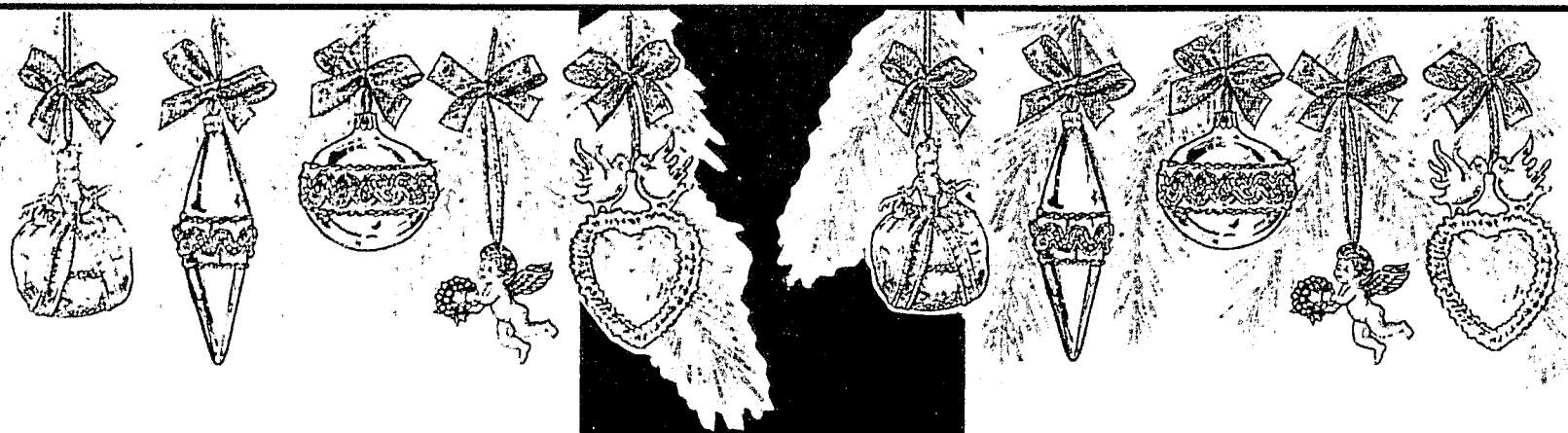
"I said, 'Yes, I tried to tell ya.' So he said, 'We'll fix him.'"

"The thing that tickled me so was that in my mind's eye, I could see him fixin' that bear."

"Perl said, 'We'll go up-set a trap.'"

"So up to the shop we went. Well of course a bear trap ain't too little. Took two of us to set it. I'm not begging ineffectual, but I ain't quite that rugged. But we did it; we set the damn trap. Perl passed me the chains, and he passed me all the rest of the stuff, and a mess of crap to use for bait. Then off we went across the pasture. He was walking with the trap like this (from her rocking chair Gete gestures with arms held out) so nobody would fall into the damn thing. Well, we went way up back and found a place we thought was safe from the various camp animals.

"We'll set it here," said Perl. So we chained it to a tree, finished setting it, baited it with crap, and went back to bed." (Continued next week.)



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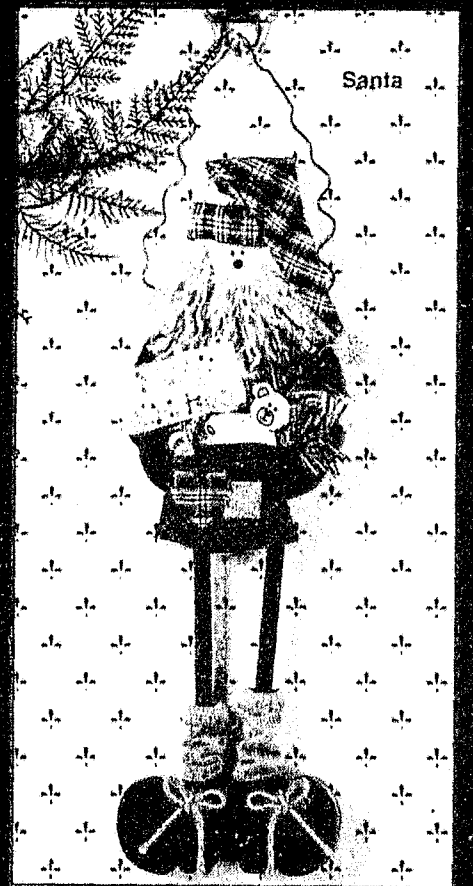
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North Newry



by
Gil Seecley

The Newry Mothers Club wishes to thank everyone who helped make the annual Halloween Party another success. A special thank you goes to the Newry Recreation Committee for all their help; to face painter, Naomi Fraser; Dracula, Nick Gray; and palm readers, Edan Bartholomew, Julia Rhineland and Mom Carrie, thank you. See you next year.

Due to a small membership attendance, the Mothers Club will hold its next meeting on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Patty's house.

Andover



by
Joan Stinson Carney

The First Congregational Church in Andover is holding its annual Hunter's Supper on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 5:30 p.m. A second seating will follow, if necessary. Donations are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The menu will include baked beans, casseroles, coleslaw, rolls and homemade pies. All who wear anything "blaze orange" will be eligible to win one of Shirley Gammon's lap quilts. Ronnie White will provide piano music. Need more info? Call Laura Hutchins at 392-3621.

Victoria Meisner was the honored guest at a 50th birthday party at the Mexico Chicken Coop on Oct. 29. Among the 50 or so guests were her mother, Lorena Simmons of Andover and her in-laws, Brad and Barb Meisner of Tavares, Fla. Her daughter, Megan, took time out from Leslie to be there, and her husband Marshall took time out from whatever it is he does to be there, too.

This week is Amnesty Week at the Andover Public Library. Until Nov. 13 you can return all your overdue books for free. Would the person who borrowed "Angela's Ashes" please take advantage of this and return the book, please.

There will also be tie dying at 9 a.m. at the library on the 13th. Special colors will be red and green. You can dye yourself red and green in the morning, and go to the Hunter's Supper in the evening, but you won't stand a chance of winning the quilt unless you throw in a little orange.

My son Tom and his "significant other," Susan, graced us with their presence over the weekend. We had a good time except for a few minor details. I introduced her to a friend as Debbie instead of Susan -- wonderful, huh? We taught her to play poker and, honest, in a half-hour she got two natural four-of-a-kind hands. In all the years I've been playing poker, I've never, never gotten four of a kind. After leaving Andover they are heading for Vegas. Many thanks to Richard at the Andover Guest House; he was the perfect host to them.

Sorry, Violet Swain and Betty Moore have nothing to report this week.

It made me very sad to read in

the paper that Stephen King may never write again. Stephen, listen up. I haven't been hit by a truck carrying an unruly dog, but I've been hit by an unruly dog -- and I still write. I haven't been in the hospital with the kind of injuries you had, but I've been in the hospital three times. First time, the result was a son, who weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces. And I still wrote. Second time, one gall bladder that weighed about 8 ounces, and still I wrote. The third time, a son, who weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. And through all of this, you guessed it, I kept writing. Stephen, feel guilty, what will we do without our yearly dose of horror, not to mention those "wonderful" concerts? Maybe you can write a book about a less-than-sane newspaper writer who lives in a small town in Western Maine, who hates winter, skiing, moose and just about everything else. Already written that? Well, try, try again. Seriously, Stephen, do what you have to do a "day at a time." We love you. Well some of us do anyway.

Quotable Quote -- "Protect the birds: the dove brings peace and the stork brings tax exemptions."

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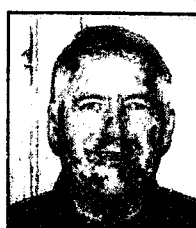
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Mason Township



by Richard Grover
I think I've mentioned that the Baker Lake campground caretaker, Maylon Bithers,

has been known to partake of a sip now and then. Last year, when we were up there, Craig gave Maylon one of Joe Perham's tapes of out-house stories. When he learned how much Maylon liked that tape, Craig gave him two more this year. As soon as he found out Joe was with us, Maylon paid us a visit. It happened to be an evening when we were watching Jane's video of the Las Vegas trip (Craig and Jane have a TV and VCR in their camper). Maylon had apparently fortified himself with a sip or two before he came over, and he was eager to talk as soon as the introductory greetings were behind us.

He told of how much he likes Las Vegas and always wins money there, and he got to talking about how he is a connoisseur of good margaritas. He said he has a son-in-law who claims to make the world's best margarita, but who is also a diabetic and cannot, therefore, drink himself any more. Maylon said, "When I go to North Carolina to visit my daughter and son-in-law, I plan to lord it over that boy and demand to sample his great margaritas. I don't feel guilty at all about drinking 'em when he can't. I plan to get even with that boy for 'having his way' with my daughter."

In looking at Craig and Jane's wedding pictures, he noticed Craig's receding hairline (not usually noticeable because Craig always has a baseball cap on). Maylon pointed to the picture of Craig's forehead, and asked, "Do you know what that is?" Nobody did. "That's a solar panel for a sex machine."

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt
Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday for a regular meeting and program on Veterans Day, with 16

members present. The program was as follows: opening thought, "Father We Thank Thee" by Richard Felt; opening song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by all; poem, "The Stars and Stripes" by Connie Tuttle; poem, "I'm Thankful for America" by Olive Risko; song, "America the Beautiful"; "A Historical Prayer For Our Land" by Peggy

Blake; mystery march; closing thought, "Love America" by Helvi Cary; closing song, "God Bless America" by all. The next meeting is Nov. 15 and the program will be Thanksgiving.

On Nov. 13, at the Baptist Church the Reverend Don Diffenderfer from Mt. View Bible Church and Dublin Christian Academy will be speaker at both the morning and evening services. On Nov. 19-21, Mr. Harold Duff will be at the church for the Fall Bible Conference. There will be a banquet on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the church at 5 p.m. A special Thanksgiving Communion Service will be held on Nov. 24.

The Woodstock Extension will meet on Nov. 17 at the Town Annex at 10:30 a.m. Bring a brown bag lunch. A black crow holder will be made, with Louisa Noyes as leader.

Fifty-nine Woodstock-Greenwood and West Paris senior citizens met at the Grange Hall in Bryant Pond on Thursday for a Thanksgiving dinner, put on by the W.H.S. Alumni.

The Historical Society regrets the loss of Eva Billings Twitchell. Eva was an early president of the society and extremely helpful during its formative years. She was always a dedicated supporter along with Dorothea Hooper, Kaye Billings and Mrs. Bryant as well. All these ladies were so encouraging early on. Also, many society members remember picnics for the society at Eva's house where General and Mrs. Alger were often present. Eva was a gracious hostess. She will be missed.

The Historical Society can appreciate our rich heritage. It is an exciting place to visit. The society meets on the second Saturday of each month at 7 p.m.

Curator Larry Billings has given some rare advertising items and another book on New England to the society. They have a good selection of books on states and on New England as a whole.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. On Oct. 9, Lorrie Rolfe and Chris Hatstat were married at the North Waterford

Church. The Reverend Janice Wilcox officiated at the services. Congratulations, Lorrie and Chris.

Lois Niemi and Arlene Merrill went to Windham to the Maine State Past Chief's mid-year meeting one day recently. There were about 30 people there from the surrounding area. They had a good



ROBBERY IN PROGRESS?—The police cars came with their sirens screaming Thursday morning in response to an alarm at the Northeast Bank in Bethel. When the officers arrived, however, they found Denny Wilson's crew digging up an old oil tank beneath the pavement of the drive-thru. The workers had unknowingly tripped an underground alarm wire to the bank.

meeting and nice lunch. Overall it was a good day.

Frances Grant is at home now from the Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway after having knee surgery. She said that the doctors, nurses and just everyone were awfully nice to her and she had wonderful care while there.

Phyllis Adams and myself were ballot clerks at the Stoneham elections on Tuesday. In the afternoon Albert Nelson brought in ice cream bars for us. Thanks, Albert. We had 47 percent voters out. That's pretty good for a little town. There were 76 yes votes and 17 no votes on the school issue.

One day last week there was a bit of excitement out front of our house. The state men had cut a gash across the main road and then had a machine dig up the road and put in a new culvert across the road. Then they had to cover it and put tar over it the next day. It was quite busy there for a while. It looks like a crosswalk there now with new tar and no white line right there. Anyway, it is a good job done.

We had 17 trick-or-treaters on Halloween night. What nice costumes the children had, some real pretty and some real scary. It was a

lot of work for someone.

I haven't heard of anyone getting a deer yet but will check on it and report in next week.

Pauline Smith is at home now after being in the Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital in Bridgton. Glad you're feeling better, Pauline.

Greenwood City



by Colista Morgan
One of October's beautiful afternoons I took some time to walk around my roads and yard.

How lovely it was. The Ledge Trail invited me to walk it, but I knew better than try it alone. I did enter the silent depth of the forest. A few crimson and gold leaves by a large rock still held fast to the trees but most were at rest under my feet. The slight breeze twirled others like banners for the mountainside was etched with sun-scorched oaks

against the turquoise sky.

The air was warm for the time of year, so I sat to rest and look and listen. I heard the sighing of the hemlocks and saw much. I heard a rustling behind me and turned to see a gray squirrel hunting acorns. He was so busy scratching that he paid no attention to me. He moved on with his mouth full.

In a few minutes I came to a very rocky place. On many rocks there was moss, which seemed fitting. How secret and profound it seemed here. A short time passed and I turned to go home.

So vast is the web of life and nature.

There were more breathless moments of beauty as I looked across the valley.

I have had many callers this week, which was nice.

David, Ann and I were at the farm for dinner on Sunday.

Kimetha Roak was in to help me during the week. It was nice to have her visit.

The ghosts were out on Halloween and I enjoyed their visit. Many I did not know.

There isn't any ice on the pond now, November 1st.

The Innams are at camp for a few days of hunting.

Rena Curtis had her family home over the Halloween days. They had an enjoyable get-together.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
This year, 1999, has been a hard one for the Valley. First we lost John Nowlin, then Bryce, then

the Locke Mountain House burned down, and now we've lost Linda Harrington. That's a lot of change for one year. Seeing all the people at the funeral home for the viewing and at the reception following made one realize how many lives Linda had touched. I keep expecting to see her pull up on the three-wheeler to bring hay to the critters. Even they seem to miss her. The ducks were all lined up on the fence posts the other night, as if they knew something was amiss. After living here for 10 years, I am not excited about more possible changes, but if they come, they come.

Speaking of changes, I have started a new job and am traveling to Portland, most days. Anyone traveling that way, who wants to talk about carpooling, give me a ring. Anyone needing a ride, too. (824-3427). It is a great job, even with the traveling. I will be dealing with healthcare issues, and other things, like toxic waste reduction.

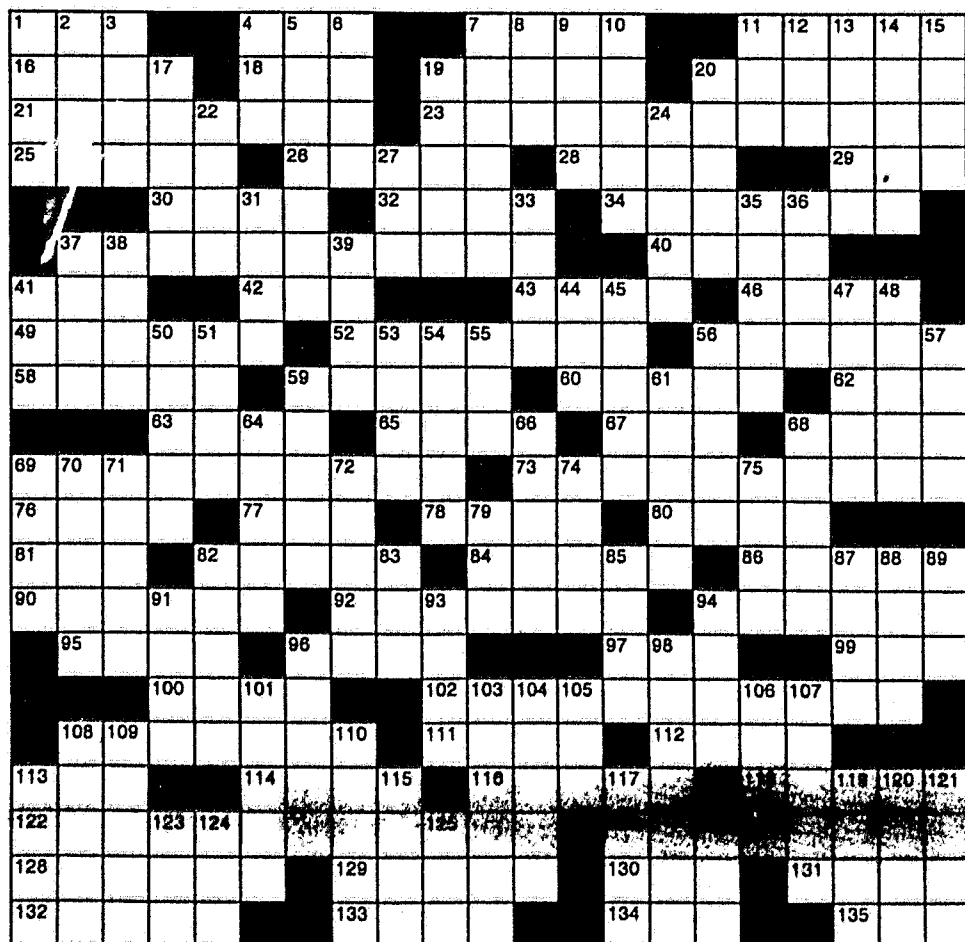
These past few days, there has been a real snowmaking chill in the air. The ground this morning had a light layer of corn snow in spots and the sound of the snow machines was also in the air. I want to remind Newryites that the ski issue is next Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6-8 p.m. It is for all Newry kids and parents. For more information, call Nancy Babcock at 824-2115.

That is all for this week. I hope next week I can have good news to write about.

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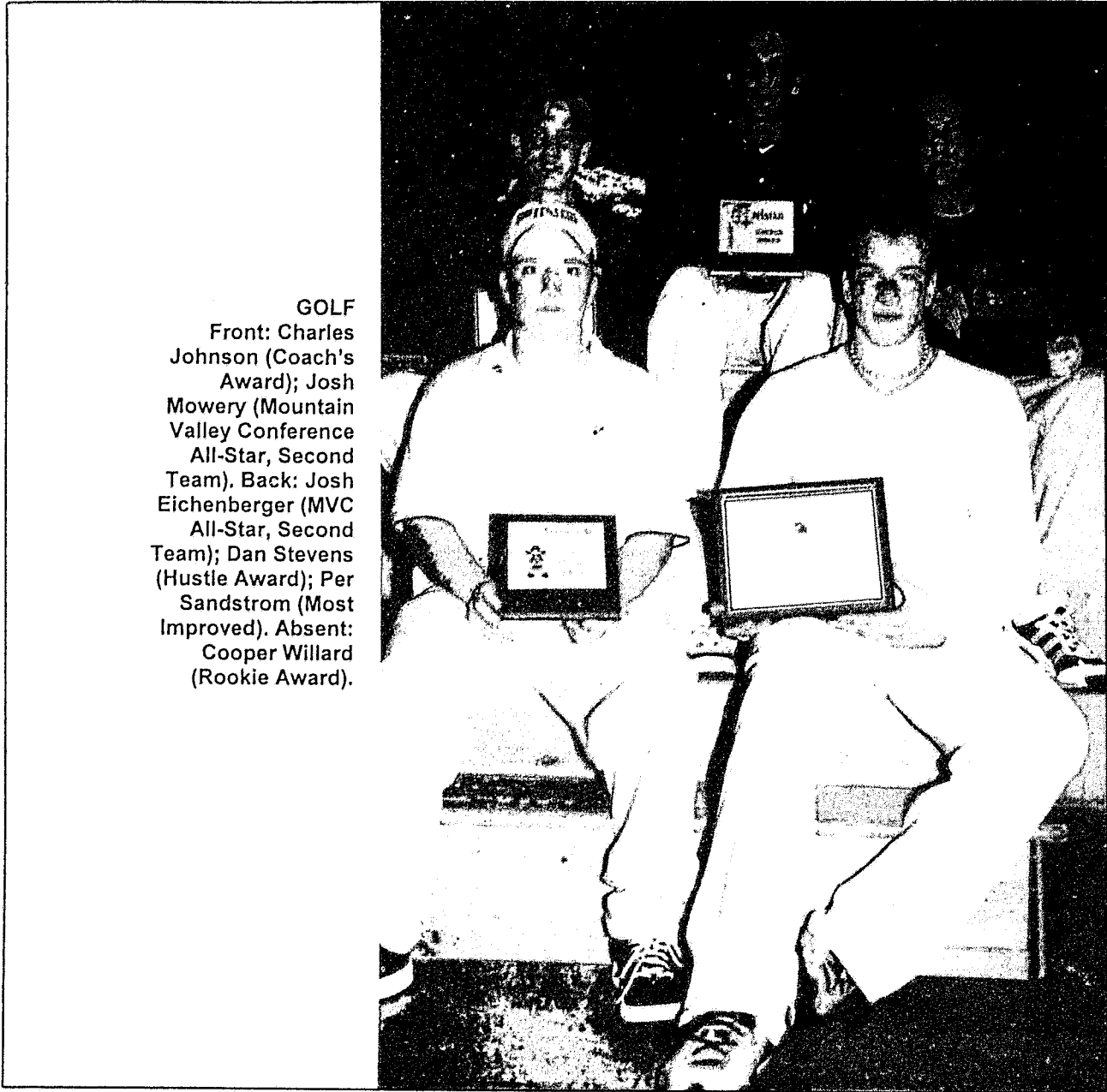
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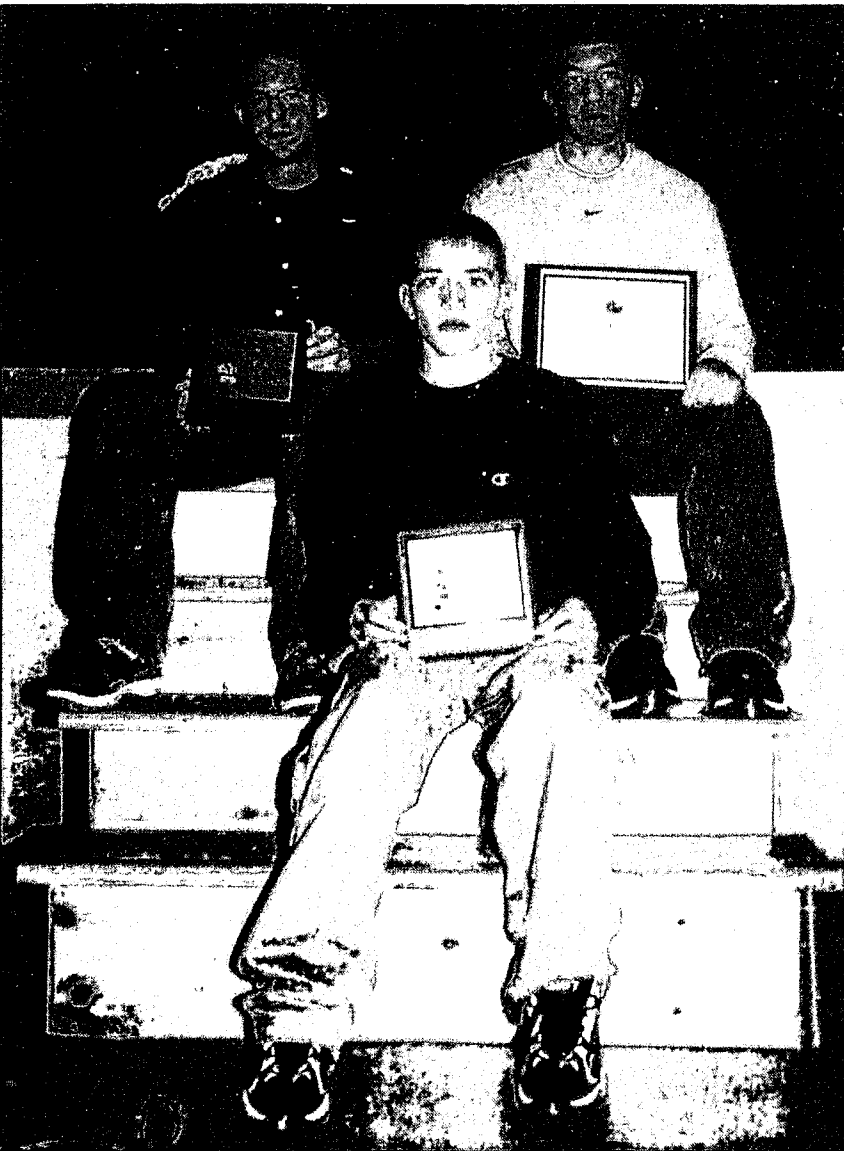
GOLF
Front: Charles Johnson (Coach's Award); Josh Mowery (Mountain Valley Conference All-Star, Second Team). Back: Josh Eichenberger (MVC All-Star, Second Team); Dan Stevens (Hustle Award); Per Sandstrom (Most Improved). Absent: Cooper Willard (Rookie Award).



VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY
Front: Heather Roderick (Coaches Award); Erin Dennis (MVC All-Star, First Team). Back: Erica Gundersen (Mountain Valley Conference All-Star, First Team; Hustle Award); Maegan Gaudreau (Most Improved); Marianne Nadeau (MVC All-Star, Second Team).



CROSS-COUNTRY
Front: Jen Howe (Hustle Award); Anna Willard (Mountain Valley Conference All-Star, First Team; Rebel Award). Back: Annie Kennett (MVC All-Star, Second Team). Absent: Fred Bailey (Rebel Award).



VARSITY SOCCER
Front: Kinsey Durgin (Freshman Phenom) Back: Jon Shaw (Most Valuable Player); Kaleb Durgin (Mountain Valley Conference All-Star, Second Team). Absent: Kier Simmons (Hustle Award); Josh Young (Most Improved).

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School Sports

Varsity Field Hockey

MAISAD Finals: Gould 5, Hebron 1; Nov. 5—Gould defeated Hebron 5-1 to capture the Maine Association of Independent Schools championship trophy. Senior co-captain Megan Paquette scored two goals and had one assist. Chelsey Bartlett also scored twice, and Lydia Mills contributed a goal and an assist. According to coach Sue Gardner, "The girls played a great game, holding Hebron scoreless in the first half and allowing no shots on goal."

MAISAD Semi-finals: Gould 7, Waynflete 0; Nov. 2—Senior Lydia Mills scored four of Gould's goals in a victory over Waynflete in the first round of the MAISAD championship. Chelsey Bartlett had an assist and scored a goal, and Lindsey McGill and Connie Murfitt each scored once. Great defense allowed Waynflete only four shots on goal.

Girls' Varsity Soccer

Gould 9, Hyde 0; Nov. 3—Playing in windy, wet, and muddy conditions in Bath, Gould picked up their eleventh straight victory of the season with a decisive win over Hyde School. Despite a lot of slipping and sliding on the wet grass, Kyle Pribish, Betsy Capone, Kate Warner, and Courtney Amadon each scored two goals, and Jackie Paaso scored one to shut out Hyde, 9-0. Capone and Warner each had two assists in the game, and Juliana Montgomery had one assist.

Gould 2, Hebron 1; Nov. 6—Gould wrapped up the regular season with a home field win over Hebron Academy. Three minutes into the second half, Gould broke a scoreless tie on a shot lofted by Kate Warner to Adora Burke, who got her head on the ball and sent it to Betsy Capone, who placed it into the net. One minute later, Hebron scored to tie the game. Late in the second half, Warner was tripped by a Hebron player and scored the winning goal on the resulting penalty shot. The single Hebron goal was only the second goal this season scored off goalie Natalie Rodenberg, and the win gave Gould an undefeated season record of 12-0, making them the top seed for this week's MAISAD tournament play.

Girls' J.V. Soccer

MAISAD Semi-finals: Gould 2, Hyde 1; Nov. 3—Tracy Benoit

scored Gould's first goal to tie Hyde with ten minutes remaining in the semi-final game of the J.V. MAISAD tournament. Elizabeth Reed followed with the winning goal minutes later to give Gould the win.

MAISAD Finals: Gould 2, Hebron 1; Nov. 5—Gould captured the MAISAD trophy with an exciting overtime win over Hebron. The score was tied, 1-1 at the end of regulation play, and, according to an enthusiastic Coach Denise Manning, "It was a tremendous game with each player giving her all. After two, five-minute, sudden-death overtimes we went to penalty kicks. Goalie Sam Olney blocked three Hebron shots and two went wide. Elizabeth Reed was the only player to score on the penalty kicks. Sam came through in a pinch, as did Elizabeth. It was the best game of the season, with each girl realizing her potential. What a way to end the season!"

Boys' Varsity Soccer

Bridgton 2, Gould 0; Nov. 3—A loss to Bridgton ended Gould's regular season with a record of 6-6-1. The team was scheduled to face Hebron in the semi-finals of the MAISAD tournament Wednesday.

Boys' J.V. Soccer

MAISAD Semi-finals: Gould 3, C.V.A. 2; Nov. 4—Jason Park scored twice for Gould during regulation play, with the first goal scored off an assist by Tristan Fischer. His second goal came with three minutes left in the second half off an assist by Craig Angevine, to send the game into overtime, tied 2-2. Following a scoreless overtime period, Gould scored in a penalty kick shootout to advance to the MAISAD finals.

MAISAD Finals: Hyde 3, Gould 2; Nov. 5—In a valiant effort, and playing their second overtime game in two days, Gould fell to Hyde in the final game of the MAISAD tournament. Tristan Fischer, assisted by Jason Park, scored Gould's first goal with less than 10 minutes left in the game. In Jae Kim followed with a penalty kick goal four minutes later to force the game into overtime, with Hyde ultimately prevailing on a deflected shot with a minute and a half left to play. Carter Fort had nine saves in goal for Gould, and Coach Tom Whittington commended his players for "outstanding team effort throughout the game and the culmination of a good season."

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF NOV. 15

- SAD44 Middle/High Breakfast Program**
Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Middle and High School will be choices every day.
- SAD44 Telstar Middle/High School Lunch Program**
Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, honey cup, sliced carrots, bread/butter, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Tuesday: Beef stew, green beans, bread/butter, cheese slice, congo bar, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, kernel corn, bread/butter, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Thursday: Roast turkey/gravy, mashed potato, yellow beans, cranberry sauce, biscuit/butter, gingerbread/wh.cream, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Friday: Rib.B.Q., h/b bun, garden peas, assorted fruit juice, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- SAD44 Elementary Lunch Program**
Monday: Chicken nuggets, honey cup, mashed potato, sliced carrots, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
Tuesday: Beef stew, crackers, green beans, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
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From the
**Bethel Historical
Society's Regional
History Center**

The November meeting of the Bethel Historical Society was held on Thursday, Nov. 4, in the meeting room/exhibit hall of the Dr. Moses Mason House. Vice-President Arlan Jodrey presided over the business segment of the meeting, during which newly elected Secretary Allen Cressy reported on the previous month's gathering in the Robinson House next door.

Under new business, Vice-President Jodrey announced that the next regular meeting of the society would be the annual "Christmas with the Masons" get-together on Dec. 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This special event is the only time during the year when the nine period rooms in the Mason House can be viewed after dark by candlelight. Old-time refreshments and Christmas decorations will also be featured. At 7:30 p.m. a program of slides of old photos of the region will be shown.

It was also announced that the society's Museum Shop, in the Robinson House, would be open that evening from 6 to 7 p.m.

Under committee reports, it was announced that Walter Hatch and Susan Herlihy, co-chairs of the society's Capital Campaign Committee, were participating in a conference at Jackson, N.H., entitled "Ways of the Woods: Culture, Heritage, and the Evolving Economy of the Northern Forest," sponsored by the Northern Forest Center at Concord, N.H.

Priscella Walker, Museum Shop manager, reported that a number of new items had recently been added there, including miniature Windsor furniture and New England rockers, suitable for use with larger dolls or just as collectors' items. New shipments of books, baskets, cross-stitch kits, old-time toys, and Shaker items are arriving almost weekly, and she encouraged all members and friends to stop by Tuesday through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m., to see the new inventory. She also announced that the Museum Shop would be open on Saturday and Sunday afternoons from Thanksgiving until Christmas for the convenience of holiday shoppers.

Reservations are now being taken for the 1999 collectible candle snuffer, which is being produced in a limited edition. This year's snuffer will be based on the historic fire-



TELSTAR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 1999 HALLOWEEN DANCE

house bell recently placed on the Bethel Common.

Reporting for the Building Committee, Vice-President Jodrey gave an update on the renovations at Robinson House. The committee is now studying ways to move ahead with a complete re-wiring of the front portion of the structure, which already houses the society's main office and other operations. Committee member Dean Walker has been carrying out numerous repairs at the house and preparing it for the colder months ahead.

The gift of the month was a large mirror with gilded frame now hanging over the fireplace mantel in the Museum Shop at Robinson House. This fine addition to the collections was donated by former society president, Catherine Newell.

Following the business portion of the meeting, society Assistant Director Randall Bennett introduced the speaker for the evening, Herbert Adams of Portland. Mr. Adams' talk, made possible in part by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council, focused on the life and writings of the Maine historian, Fanny Hardy Eckstorm. Quoting from many of her books and articles, and from several volumes at one time owned by Mrs. Eckstorm, Mr. Adams discussed her lifelong interest in the wilds of Maine, especially in the region north of the Bangor-Brewer area, where she

grew up during the decades immediately following the Civil War. Mrs. Eckstorm's literary contributions were many, but perhaps her most important legacy was her book, "Penobscot Man," first published in 1903, in which she describes the lifestyle of Maine woodsmen more than a century ago. In concluding his talk, Mr. Adams encouraged the audience to re-discover Mrs. Eckstorm's lively works, which reveal both her times and her unique personality.

Following Mr. Adams' presentation, Persis Post gave a brief talk on the history of the cranberry, a main ingredient used in the evening's refreshments.

From the
**Telstar Alumni
Association**

The Telstar Alumni Association held its annual Halloween Dance at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Saturday, Oct. 30, with over 200 people in attendance. The attendees danced to the music of The Impalas, a golden oldies rock and roll band.

Many people arrived in costume and participated in the costume contest held during the evening. The competition was tough, but judges Hilda and Irving Brown and

Jeanine and Gary Wing sorted through the assortment of ghouls, bar girls, and movie characters to come up with winners in several categories. The results of the competition are as follows: Funniest, Scarecrow, Tracy Hart; Most Original, Grandma, Irene Anderson; Scariest, Large Nosed Witch, Barbara DeMore; Best Couple, Jack and Jill, Brad Davis and Terrie Distefano; Judges' Choices, Cabaret Girl, Teresa Walker and Pumpkin Couple, Al and Genesta Tanquary.

The Alumni Association would like to extend its thanks to the following businesses for the generous contribution of prizes: Bethel Inn, Books 'N Things, Moose's Tale, Mt. Abram Ski Area, Ruthie's and Sunday River Cross Country Center. Thanks also to Ruel and Maureen Swain for the cornstalks and pumpkins used to decorate the hall.

Everyone, hosts and guests, had a wonderful time. Watch for notices for the spring dance and start planning your costume for next year's Halloween dance.

WEDDINGS • BIRTHS • DEATHS

To submit notices, you may fill out a form at The Bethel Citizen or bring in your copy, before 4:30 p.m. on Fridays to be considered for publication the following Thursday.

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From the
**Andover
Alumni
Association**

The Andover Educational Fund is presently conducting their annual fundraising drive in an effort to match a \$10,000 challenge goal issued by fund supporter, Robert Spidell. This scholarship fund is administered by a volunteer board which keeps expenses associated with raising and dispersing funds at a minimum. The fund's main goal is to help children who live in Andover to pursue higher education.

However, the fund not only provides financial assistance for high school graduates, but through an adult education program will financially assist persons desiring to upgrade their skills with a view to seeking better employment, start a business or otherwise enhance the community of Andover. Persons residing in Andover interested in this program should contact SAD44 Adult Education.

Seniors who will graduate in spring 2000 and live in Andover will have the opportunity to apply for two scholarships. One is the John and Eunice Fox Scholarship. The applicants are to write an essay on their contributions to Andover and submit it to the Board of Directors by May, who will award the \$1,000 prize at the Andover Alumni Banquet. A second scholarship, the Sweat Family Memorial Fund, will be available to a student pursuing education at a technical school. When selected, the student will be awarded this scholarship each year until his or her education in technical school is completed. Students wishing to apply for either scholarship should see their guidance counselor for details.

Five members of the senior class of 1999 shared \$3,300 in scholarship aid. They are Casey Brown, who is attending Colby College; Philip Bailey, a student at Lancaster Bible College; Christine

Richardson, who is enrolled at Colby-Sawyer College and Adam Williamson, a student at University of Maine at Orono. Julie Burgi is registered at the University of Arizona and was also the recipient of the John and Eunice Fox Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

The Charles A. Cutting Endowment Fund is designed to help students in their second through fifth years of higher education. In 1999, 12 applicants were awarded approximately \$1,690 each for a total of \$20,280 in financial assistance. Recipients of the Cutting Endowment Funds included Darcy Morse, Liza Fyrborg, Fred Emerson, Daniel Emerson, Karen Thurston, Justin Hutchins, Ken Jodrey, Robert Cuff, Sarah Richardson, Ian Richardson, Scott Walte and Angela Percival.

Persons desiring further information about the programs of the Andover Educational Fund or those desiring to establish educational trusts administered by it for the benefit of Andover residents should contact the president, Sharon Hutchins at 392-4351, or vice president, Jane Rich at 392-3761.

From the

**Finnish Amer.
Heritage Society**

The kantele, national folk instrument of Finland, will be a program feature at the November meeting of the Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine. The 2 p.m. meeting will be on Nov. 21 at the Finnish-American Heritage Center on Maple Street in West Paris.

Ruth Hertz of Wilton and Sarah Cummings Ridge of New Gloucester will speak on their attendance at a kantele workshop held in Issaquah, Wash., in July. They will demonstrate their learning experience and show different styles of the instrument.

The kantele's exact age is not known, nor where it originated. Many believe it to have migrated through millenniums along the trade routes from western Asia.

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Gould Academy Art Show, Nov. 12-Dec. 17—Owen Art Gallery exhibit of photographs by Frank Van Riper from his book, "Down East Maine: A World Apart." Weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekends by appointment. For information or appointment call 824-7700.

Art Show, Oct. 25-Nov. 26—Artwork of Joanna Batherson, local Rumford artist, at G.R.A.M.I administrative office, 150 Congress Street, Rumford. Meet the artist on Oct. 28 at 6 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12-13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.—Beef Stew Luncheon (\$4) and Craft Fair at Bethel United Methodist Church on Main Street. Luncheon menu: beef stew, biscuit, apple and pumpkin pie, beverage. Crafts, knitwear, Christmas items, food, candy, cookie walk.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Craft Fair at Greenwood Fire Station, Locke Mills, sponsored by Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary. For tables call 875-2168 or 875-2102.

Holiday Craft Fair at Poland Community School, Route 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Door prize, raffles, games, Santa, free admission, child care available. Lunch, desserts, beans to go. Snow date, Sunday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

America Recycles Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Entertainment, prizes for creativity of objects made from recycled material, educational recycling updates and exhibits. For information, call Don Murphy at the Bethel Town Office (824-2669).

Hunters Supper (baked beans, casseroles, cole slaw, jellied salads, rolls, homemade pies) at First Congregational Church, Andover. First seating will be 5:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Building. Cost: \$6 for adults and \$3 for under 12.

Basketry Workshop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Telstar High School sponsored by Adult Education. Heather Westleigh will instruct making of a holiday wall basket. Fee: \$25 includes supplies. Call 824-2780 to register.

Old-Fashioned Dance, 8 to 11:30 p.m., at Locke Mills Town Hall, with music by the Felt Orchestra. Proceeds will benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Public Supper (spaghetti, salad, homemade breads, homemade desserts) at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Donations of tools or money at the door to benefit a trip to Honduras by nine church members.

Christmas Open House at The Village Sampler, 63 Main Street, Bethel, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—Internet Surfing Night, Shopping On-line at Telstar High School by Wendy Hanscom, instructor. Call Adult Education at 824-2780 to register (\$5).

Christian Women United monthly meeting at Country Way in South Paris. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Ken Fernald, gospel singer. Call Pearl Anderson at 743-5724 for reservation if not contacted.

Newry Ski Issue, 6 to 8 p.m. at Newry town office (around back and down in the basement). Newry students and parents wishing to borrow skis, boots and/or poles for the season should come and be fitted. No charge. If unable to be there, call Nancy at 824-2115.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 7 to 9 p.m.—Free interactive class on Recycling at Telstar High School. Marie Bartlett and Jackie Cressy will focus on the "three Rs" of trash management: reduce, reuse, recycle. Call Adult Education (824-2780) to pre-register.

Annual Swag Workshop at Pooh Corner Farm and Greenhouses starting at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments. Bring work gloves.

Missoula Children's Theatre meeting at Crescent Park School, 5:30 p.m. If interested, please attend.

Crescent Park School PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided (for a donation). Program: performance by Miss Sue's Reader's Theatre.

Public Hearing -- Bethel Airport Authority/Town of Bethel, to discuss Draft Environmental Assessment prepared for Colonel Dyke Airfield improvement projects, at Telstar High School.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m. (tickets go on sale at 4:30)—Chicken Pie Supper at West Paris Universalist Church, West Paris, sponsored by the Goodwill Fellowship. Crafts on sale in the Ladies Parlor.

Hunters Supper at Upton Ladies Aid Building, 5 p.m. Raffles and crafts also on sale. Sponsored by Upton Ladies Aid. Nov. 18-19-20, 8 p.m. and Saturday 2 and 8 p.m.—"Nonsense" will be presented at Lake Regional Community Theatre, Route 302, Naples. Tickets are \$10 and available at Hayes True Value, Bridgton; Lake Regional Vocation Center office, Naples; and Casco Public Library, Casco. Additional ticket information available at 693-3864.

Friday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.—North Country Chapter of Audubon Society of New Hampshire monthly meeting at N.H. Community Technical College, Berlin, N.H. For information, call (603) 752-1924 or (603) 449-1376.

Oxford County Retired Teachers meeting at Locke Mills Legion Hall. Social period: 10:30 a.m. Business meeting: 11 a.m. Speaker: Stanley Howe of Bethel Historical Society on "New England Diaries." Silent auction.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2 to 5 p.m.—Explorations Student Art Exhibit at the Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort.

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2 p.m.—Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine meeting at the hall on Maple Street, West Paris. The program will feature discussion of the kantele, national folk instrument of Finland. Everyone welcome to visit the society.

Saturday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Christmas Fair and Bake Sale, sponsored by Errol School Association and Friends of the Errol Public Library at Errol Town Hall, Main Street. Space available for vendors (must supply own table). For more information, call (603) 482-7720 or (603) 482-3841.

Sunday, Nov. 28, 7:30 to 11 a.m.—Rotary Country Breakfast at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 to 11 a.m.—Church Advent Fair and Morning Coffee at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Route 117, South Paris. Something for everyone -- baked goods, attic treasures, crafts, wreaths to order, cookie walk, morning coffee including Finnish nisu.

Monday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.—Mountain View Knitters meeting at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Route 5, Fryeburg. New members welcome. For more information, call Mrs. Snow (846-9381) or Mrs. Hopper (603-383-9702).

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-1 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Library: Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 836-2490 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service.

Our Lady of the Snows--Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist--Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 9 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union--Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopal House Church--at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month (for Oct. only, services will be on the fourth Sunday). 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends--a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)--Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--First and third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., morning worship service 10:45 a.m. Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational--Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)-- Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church--Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)--Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church-- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

REACH

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline 1-800-622-2365. Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment

Gateway Recovery Services--Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Vegetarian Eating Group meets at Cafe DiCocoa in Bethel from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more info call 824-JAVA.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station. Anyone interested please stop by the stations for a meeting.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info, call 824-3232.

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m. Tax collector also holds hours.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m. (Nov. 10 and Dec. 8 are only meetings for those months.)

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info, call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Jefferson Chapter, 89, OES, Bryant Pond, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments, 7:30 meeting. (Except July and Aug.)

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

Middle and High School Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

St. Andrews Society meeting, 10 a.m., Harvest House, Lisbon (business meeting with lunch).

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 11, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!				Star Trek: Voyager		Blind Date	Ricki Lake
(32)	Animals	Random	Movie: "Protocol"				Houdini: His Secrets		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Stark	ER		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Be a Millionaire	Whose?		20/20 Downtown		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Maine	Made In	Mystery!		Rumpole of the Bailey		Lens	
(22)	Sportsctr.	Gamenight	College Football: North Carolina State at North Carolina				Sportscenter			
(34)	Waltons		Movie: "Pair of Aces"				Bull Riding		Dallas	
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Diagnosis Murder		Chicago Hope		48 Hours		News	
(41)	New England Tailgate		Boxing: Eliecer Castillo vs. Alexander Zolkin				Rugby: World Cup Semifinal			
(15)	"Gross Anatomy" Cont'd		Inside the NFL		Movie: "The Edge"		Real Sex		Real Sex	
(17)	Movie: "Don't Look Under the Bed"		Movie: "The Neverending Story"				Movie: "Don't Look Under the Bed"			
(18)	"With Honors" Cont'd		Movie: "How Stella Got Her Groove Back"				Movie: "Carnival of Souls"		Intimate	
(20)	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins				Bruins		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "Locked Up: A Mother's Rage"		Attitudes		Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Chimp		WCW Thunder	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons		Jeffersons	
(25)	Cinema Comb		Movie: "Heaven Knows, Mr. Allison"				Movie: "Force 10 From Navarone"			
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Wayne's World 2"		Baywatch			
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Law & Order			
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "FX 2"				News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 12, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Movie: "Monster!"				Star Trek: Voyager		Blind Date	Ricki Lake
(32)	Partridge	Partridge	Partridge	Partridge	Partridge	Partridge	Partridge		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence		Dateline		Law & Order		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boy-World	Millionaire	Sabrina	Hughleys	20/20		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St	Keeping Up	Keeping Up	Served	Served	Our Stories	
(22)	Sportscenter of the Decade: The 1990s				College Basketball: Coaches vs. Cancer Classic		50 Greatest		Sportsctr.	
(34)	Motor Madness		ECW Wrestling		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Rollerjam: Teams TBA		Dallas	
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Kids Say	Candid C.	Now and Again		Nash Bridges		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics					New England Tailgate	Pro Football		Football	Sports
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Soldier"				Movie: "Judgment Day"			Chris Rock
(17)	So Weird		Movie: "Principal Takes a Holiday"		Movie: "RocketMan"		MusicVids		So Weird	Jersey
(18)	"The Avengers" Cont'd		Movie: "Freeway"				Movie: "Happiness"			
(20)	Front Row		Tennis: Worldwide Senior Circuit			Front Row	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "A Killing in a Small Town"				Once and Again	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Pretty Woman"						"Can't Buy Me Love"	
(24)	U Pick Nicktoons				Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons
(25)	Hunchback		Movie: "To Catch a Thief"				Cinema		Movie: "The Angry Red Planet"	
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Serial Mom"				Movie: "Cry Baby"	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Sherlock Holmes		Law & Order	
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "The Aristocats"				News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline

SATURDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 13, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New York Rangers					Mad		Star Trek: Voyager	
(32)	Bionic Showdown		Movie: "V"							
(6)	Fam. Feud	Seinfeld	Freaks and Geeks		Pretender		Profiler		News	Sat. Night
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Be a Millionaire		"Come on Get Happy: The Partridge Family Story"				News	Patriots
(10)	Made In	Opinion	To Be Announced		The Grand		The Grand		Red Dwarf	Doctor Who
(22)	Gamenight	College Football: Miami at Virginia Tech					Gamenight		Sportscenter	
(34)	Movie: "Hostage" Cont'd	Opry	Grand Opry		Gaither Gospel Hour		Celebrities Offstage		Opry	Grand Opry
(18)	ER		Marital Law		Walker, Texas Ranger				News	
(41)	Pro Football	Last Word	Celics		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls				College Football	
(15)	"Who Am I?" Cont'd		Movie: "The Siege"				Robert Schimmel		Movie: "The Negotiator"	
(17)	So Weird	Movie	Movie: "The Barefoot Executive"		Movie: "Mighty Joe Young"					
(18)	"Space Truckers" Cont'd		Movie: "A Better Tomorrow"		Movie: "The Replacement Killers"				Return to Savage Beach	
(20)	College Football: Texas Tech at Texas				College Football: Pac-10 Game -- Teams TBA					
(44)	Movie: "Menendez: A Killing in Beverly Hills" Cont'd				Oh Baby	Ruby			Any Day Now	
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Batman & Robin"						"Single White Female"	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Rugrats	Amanda	Eddie	All That	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Lucy and Desi	
(25)	The Poseidon Adventure		Movie: "Lady in a Cage"				Burger Town		Lawn Order	
(26)	Movie: "Serial Mom"				Movie: "I Love Trouble"				King Ralph	
(27)	Love Chronicles		Biography		Sherlock Holmes Mysteries				Top 10	
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Ill. Luckiest	Coach		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls				News	Hand That
(39)	Capital	Sports	Worldview	Moneyweek	Larry King Weekend		Worldview	Capital	Sports Tonight	

SUNDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 14, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	7 Days				Star Trek: Voyager		WCW World	Battle Dome
(32)	Earthquake in New York		Movie: "Storm"						Movie: "Columbo: Strange Bedfellows"	
(6)	Dateline		Third Watch		Movie: "Mary, Mother of Jesus"				News	Big Break
(8)	Movie: "Space Jam"				Be a Millionaire		Practice		News	Paid Prog.
(10)	Ballykissangel		Nature		New York				Mystery!	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	NFL Football: Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks						Sportsctr.	
(34)	Outdoors	Shooter	In-Fish	AmLegends	Bull Riding		Hunting	Remington	ClassicCar	Lawn
(18)	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "Altershock: Earthquake in New York"				News	
(41)	AHL Hockey		Rugby: World Cup Final -- Australia vs. France				College Hockey: B. Green St. at Mich. St.			
(15)	Movie: "Polish Wedding"				Sex & City	Sex & City			Movie: "Saving Private Ryan"	
(17)	So Weird	Gargoyles	Darkwing	Bonkers		Walt Disney Presents			Movie: "Superdad"	
(18)	Revenge of the Nerds II		Movie: "Below Utopia"				Movie: "Porky's"		Movie: "Nine 1/2 Weeks"	
(20)	Boxing: Sunday Night Fights				Go'n' Deep		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Movie: "Love, Lies and Murder" Cont'd						Any Day Now		Beyond Chance	
(6)	Movie: "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle"				Movie: "Edward Scissorhands"				Stephr 2	
(24)	Kenan-Kel	All That	Spongeb	Nick News	HappyDay	Laveme	WonderYr	WonderYr	Van Dyke	Van Dyke
(25)	Tucker	Screen	Movie: "A Raisin in the Sun"				Movie: "Take Her, She's Mine"			
(26)	WWF Sunday Night Heat		Pacific Blue		La Femme Nikita		GvsE		Law & Order	
(27)	Top 10		Movie: "The Shining"						Unexplained	
(12)	Movie: "The Couch Trip"				MacGyver		News	Replay	Wayans	Beastmstr
(39)	Worldview	Sports	Worldview	Pinnacle	CNN & Time		Millennium		Sports Tonight	

MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 15, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Parkers	Grown Ups	Malcolm	Star Trek: Voyager		Blind Date	Ricki Lake
(32)	Boss?	Random	V				Famous Families		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Veronicas	Law & Order		Dateline		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Be a Millionaire		NFL Football: New York Jets at New England Patriots					
(10)	News-Lehrer		True North	RFD Maine	New York				Business	Pipes
(22)	Monday Night Countdown				Figure Skating: Skate Canada					ESPNNews
(34)	Waltons		Life-Mel Tillis		Curb Records: The Celebration				Dallas	
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Ladies Man	Raymond	Becker	Family Law		News	
(41)	Brulser Flint	Golf	Tennis: WTA Chase Championships				Outside Magazine		Edge	CanoeKyk
(15)	Home 3	America	Movie: "Dance With Me"				Movie: "The Devil's Advocate"			
(17)	American Teacher Awards				Famous	Smart Guy	Movie: "Stand and Deliver"			
(18)	"Rapid Fire" Cont'd		Movie: "Three Men and a Baby"				Movie: "Traitor's Heart"		Teach Me	
(20)	College Football: Amherst at Williams						FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Beyond Chance		Movie: "Close to Danger"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Father of the Bride"				Movie: "Men at Work"			
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Rocket	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady
(25)	"The Kid From Brooklyn"		Fashion		Movie: "Elephant Walk"				Movie: "Rome Adventure"	
(26)	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone		Baywatch	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Investigative Reports		Poirot		Law & Order	
(12)	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: "Three Amigos!"				News		MacGyver	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	World Today		Larry King Live		Newsstand		Sports	Moneyline

TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 16, 1999										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Shasta Mc.	Dilbert	The Strip		Star Trek: Voyager		Blind Date	Ricki Lake
(32)	Boss?	Random	V				Exploring the Unknown		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Just Shoot	3rd Rock	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	Dateline		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Spin City	Millionaire	Dharma	Spin City	Once and Again		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Intimate Strangers		New York				Business	Firing Line
(22)	Outside the Lines		NHL Hockey: Buffalo Sabres at Pittsburgh Penguins						Sportscenter	
(34)	Waltons		Waltons		Waltons		George Jones		Dallas	
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	JAG		Movie: "Altershock: Earthquake in New York"				News	
(41)	Celics	Golf	Tennis: WTA Chase Championships				Tennis: ATP Kremlin Cup -- Final			
(15)	"Can't Hardly Wait"		Movie: "The Siege"				Real Sports		Comedy	Reverb
(17)	Movie: "P.U.N.K.S."				Movie: "Wish Upon a Star"				Movie: "Beetlejuice"	
(18)	"The Cruise" Cont'd		Movie: "Dead Poets Society"				Movie: "The Dentist II"			
(20)	Front Row	Penn State	Hardcore Football		Goin' Deep		FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Chicago Hope		Movie: "Her Last Chance"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "The Hunt for Red October"						"Flight of the Intruder"	
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Skeeter	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady	Brady
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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at New Jersey Devils					Star Trek: Voyager		Blind Date	Ricki Lake
(32)	Boss?	Random	V				World Gone Wild		700 Club	
(6)	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline		West Wing		Law & Order		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Two Guys	Millionaire	Drew Carey	Norm	20/20		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Living Edens		New York				Business	Religion
(22)	Sportsctr.	PBA Bowling: World Tour.			College Basketball: Pennsylvania at Kentucky				Sportscenter	
(34)	Waltons		Century of Country		Prime Time Country		Crook & Chase Tonight		Dallas	
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Cosby		Movie: "Black and Blue"				News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Boston Celtics				Celics		Tennis: WTA Chase Championships			
(15)	Movie: "Turner & Hooch"				Movie: "Who Am I?"				Chris Rock	Saving
(17)	Movie: "The Big Green"				Movie: "And You Thought Parents Were Weird"				Brinley Spears	
(18)	Movie: "It's Pat" Cont'd		Movie: "Ever After: A Cinderella Story"				Movie: "Don't Look Back"		Pleasure	
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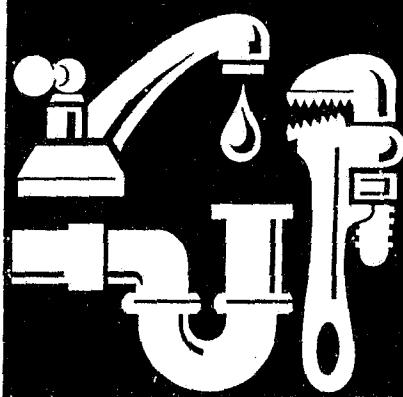
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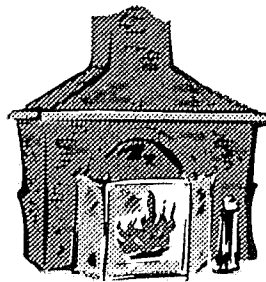
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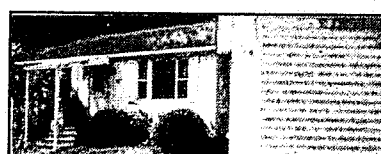
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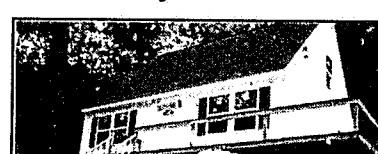
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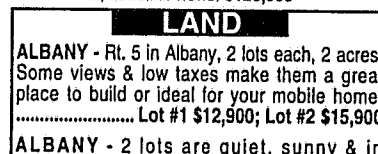
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Walkers Mill Rd, Bethel! 3.5+/-

- stone fenced, landscaped acres with restored 4 bedrooms, new kitchen, great barn and more! Convenient with great views! Only \$149,900!



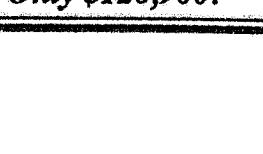
Brookside Condo at

Sunday River! Nicely kept 1 bdrm, 1 ba with new carpet, fully equipped and in excellent shape! Ski-On, Ski-Off for only \$59,900!

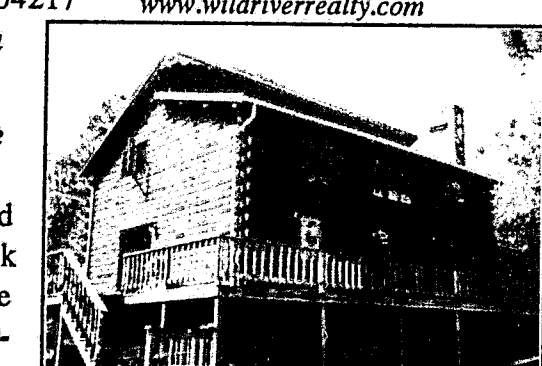


Farmhouse in West

Bethel! Gorgeous home features 3+ bdrms, 1.5 ba, country kitchen, spectacular barn and more! Priced to sell! Only \$126,900!



Evans Notch, Gilead!



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Executive Condex at Powder

Ridge! 3,200 sq. ft. of mountain living, 4+ bedrooms, 3 baths, stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings, galley kitchen and spectacular views! Only \$219,000!



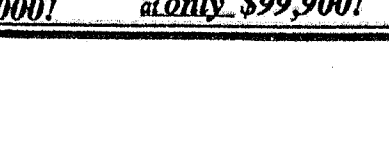
Country Charming

Hanover village! Nice cape, 4 bdrm, 1.5 ba, great living space, garage, sunny decks and private lot! Good buy at only \$119,900!



Eden Ridge

Townhomes - Valley views, convenient in-town location, 2 bdrm, 1.5 ba, garage, fireplace and more! One left at only \$99,900!



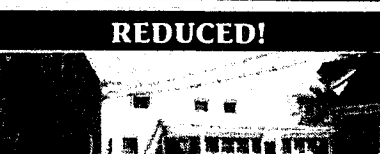
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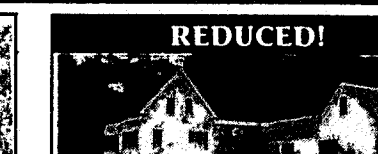


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Elm Street, Bethel: Offering a convenient downtown location, this property boasts a three bedroom apt w/enclosed porch on the main level and a one bedroom unit on the upper level with potential for another small efficiency unit. Only a short walk to Bethel Village shops & Banks, Post Office and the movies or a short commute to Sunday River Skiway! \$94,900 Now \$87,300



Indian Pond, Greenwood: Attractive waterfront home boasts 100+/- sandy shoreline, pleasant views & is only a short drive to skiway! Open & cathedralized living area has a large stone fireplace opening to a spacious deck overlooking the pond! Enjoy privacy, 3 lg BR's, lovely sitting loft, sleeping loft, 2 baths & a full basement. \$197,900



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Greenwood: Located just off Rt. 26, enroute to Mt. Abram, this large 6+ bedroom farmhouse has an attached barn/shed (formerly housed stagecoach) & offers spacious living areas. Potential for multi-unit B&B. Only a short drive to Bethel Village & Sunday River. Seller motivated. Was \$299,900 Now \$69,900



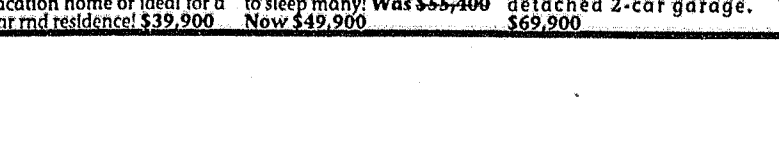
Rt. 232, Rumford Point: Incredible Offering! Situated on 17+/- fielded acres with over 1900+/- of road frontage & paved driveway, this attractive & well maintained farmhouse boasts 4 BR, a large lot, 2 full baths, 1/2 bath with laundry and spacious living areas. Enjoy the attached workshop/shed, large attached barn with stalls/loft and carport. Drilled well, partial basement, FHA oil furnace, gas heater & woodstove! Owners will consider owner financing with qualified buyer. What are you waiting for??? \$149,900 NOW \$95,900

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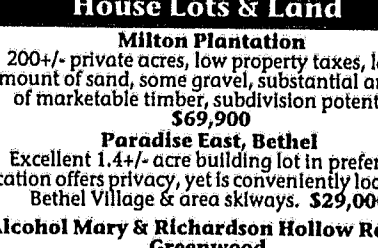


Walkers Mills Rd/Rt. 26,

Bethel: You must take a look! This home has a LR/Kitchen/Dining Area, 3 spacious bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, an enclosed rear porch & a partial basement. Ideal year round residence for a family or vacation base. Located enroute to Bethel/Sunday River, has the ability to sleep many! Was \$65,400 Now \$49,900



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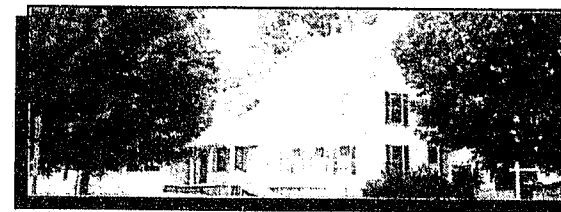
3 Bedroom Cape with Guest Apartment: Built in 1992, this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Cape is located off Paradise Road in a growing subdivision. Hardwood flooring, great recreation room, deck with hot tub & large mud room. Attached 2 car garage with attractive 2 bedroom guest apartment above. A great primary residence with supplemental rental income or a vacation getaway. \$169,000



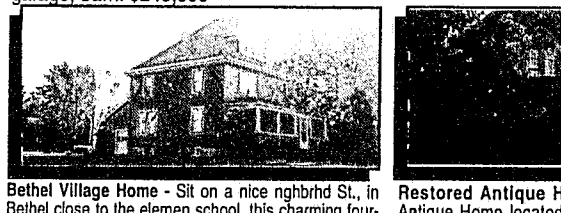
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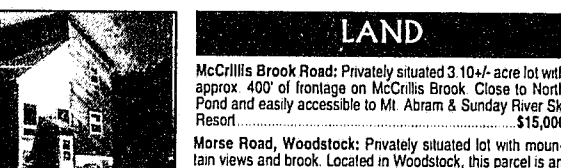
Bethel Village Home - Sit on a nice nighbhd St., in Bethel close to the elemen school, this charming four square style home features hardwood flring, a fireplace LR, 3rd flr master BR suite, enclosed front porch & so much more! Attached garage. Well maintained & reasonably priced. A great family home! \$159,000



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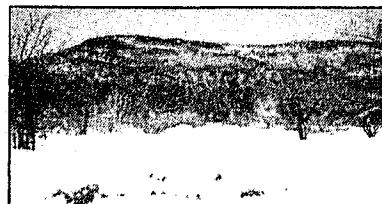
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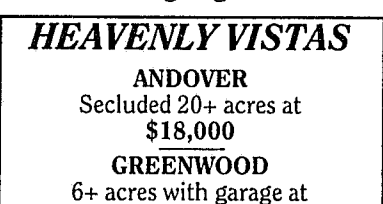
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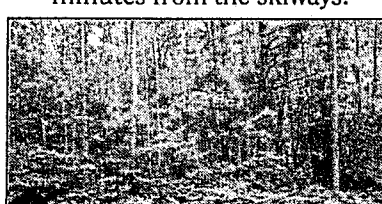
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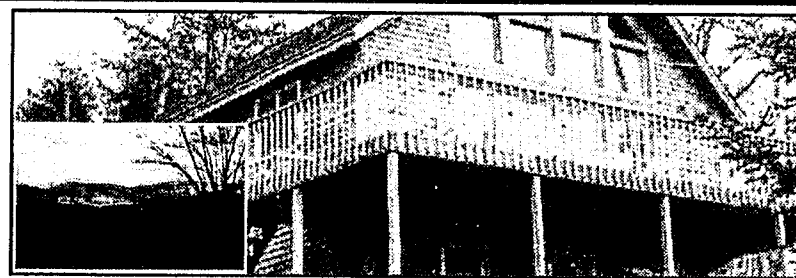
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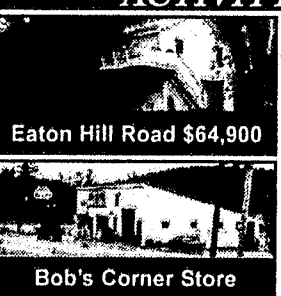
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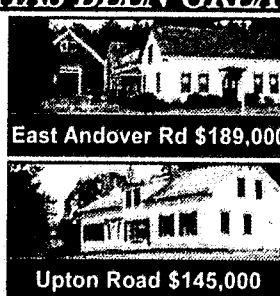
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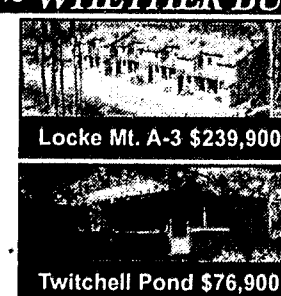
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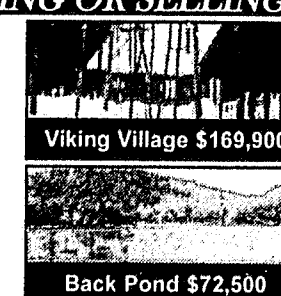
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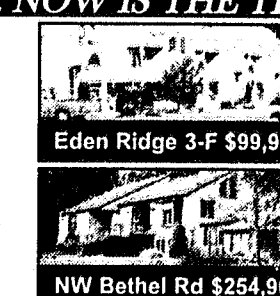
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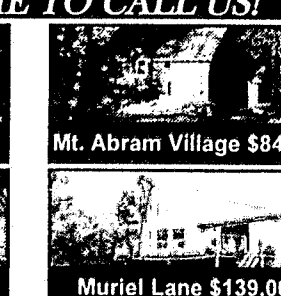
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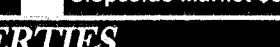
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Obituaries

BETTINA GERONDA

Miss Bettina Geronda, 81, died Monday, Nov. 1, 1999, at Valerie Manor, Torrington, Conn.

She was born in Rumford on Oct. 5, 1918, a daughter of the late Dominic and Mary (Montisano) Girona.

She graduated from the Waterville School of Nursing in Waterville and worked at the Hartford, Conn., Hospital in the recovery room for many years, retiring in 1983. She will be greatly missed.

She was a very compassionate and dynamic person, as evidenced not only by her chosen profession but also by the number of people she helped throughout her lifetime both within and outside her family.

Survivors include two brothers, Frank Girona and Al Girona of Rumford; five sisters, Ann Hogan and Florence Girona of East Hartford, Conn., Rose Kidder of Medway, Mass., Loretta Blaisdell, formerly of Gardiner, and Ellen Girona of East Hartford, Conn.; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Mary G. Kelly, and two brothers, John Girona and Victor Girona.

A Funeral Mass was held Satur-

day, Nov. 6, at St. Athanasius-St. John Church, Rumford, with interment at St. John Cemetery, Rumford. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

JOHN H. LABBIE

John H. Labbie, 91, of Boothbay, formerly of Hunt's Corner in Albany Township and Bethel, died Monday, Nov. 1, 1999, at Fieldcrest Manor in Waldoboro.

He was born in Wilder, Vt., a son of John and Winifred Broughy Labbie and attended local schools. He later attended Dartmouth College and North Hampton Business College in Massachusetts.

Mr. Labbie was a civil service employee in Washington, D.C., followed by a 20-year term as chief clerk supervisor of shipbuilding in Bath. He retired after 10 years as treasurer of the city of Gardiner.

He collected rare books on American history and Calvin Coolidge.

His first wife, Shirley Martenes Labbie, died previously.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Hilda Salty Murphy Labbie of Boothbay; his daughter, Mrs. Alen (June) Wilkie of Bath; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several stepchildren; many stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Evergreen Cemetery, Boothbay, with the Rev. Margaret Russell officiating.

SHIRLEY SMITH

Shirley Smith, 87, of Bog Road, Gilead, formerly of Dorchester, Mass., died Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1999, at Ledgeview Nursing Home, West Paris.

Mrs. Smith was born on Nov. 10, 1911, the daughter of the late Anthony and Charlotte Kasiewicz. She attended the St. John's Baptist School in Salem, Mass.

Mrs. Smith married Marshall

Smith, who predeceased her.

She is survived by a sister, Stacia Smigi, and several cousins.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, Bethel, followed by a graveside service at the Pine Grove Cemetery, with the Rev. Clifford McMullan officiating.

HUGH W. STEARNS

Hugh Wallace Stearns, 93, of Albany died Friday, Nov. 5, 1999, at the Norway Rehabilitation Center.

He was born in Albany on Oct. 21, 1906, the son of Robins and Lilla Cummings Stearns. He was educated in Albany schools, Gould Academy and graduated from the University of Maine at Orono.

He married Edith E. Cummings on Oct. 1, 1927. She died in 1985.

He lived in the Albany area all his life. He had been involved with farming and as a woodsman. He also had one of the top herds of dairy cattle in the state of Maine for many years.

He was a member of Round Mountain Grange, Albany Congregational Church and the Farm Bureau.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Inman and Janice Morrill, both of Albany; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, Leo and Kenneth; and a sister, Hulda Stevens.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 8, at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, Norway, with the Rev. Norman Rust officiating. Interment was at Hunt's Corner Cemetery, Albany. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Stearns' memory may be sent to the Albany

Cemetery Association, c/o Edwin Bumpus, Box 2155, North Waterford, ME 04267.

MARGUERITE QUINN

Marguerite (Flint) (Clark) Quinn, 88, former resident of Bethel and Norway, died at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, Vt., early Saturday morning, Nov. 6, 1999. Since 1995 she had made her home in West Burke, Vt., with her stepdaughter, Kay Hopkins.

Mrs. Quinn was born in Newry on Feb. 25, 1911, a daughter of F. Perley and Maenette (Littlehale) Flint. She was educated in Newry schools, graduated from Gould Academy in the Class of 1927 and from Farmington Normal School in 1930.

In 1964, she sold Bosebuck Camps, a sportmen's fishing lodge in Wilson's Mills, with which she had been associated for 46 years. Her father operated the lodge before her.

Survivors include two nieces, Jo Berry of Broomfield, Colo., and Polly Johnston of Spanaway, Wash.; three stepdaughters, Kay Hopkins of West Burke, Vt., Patricia Little of Irasburg, Vt., and Donna Nutting of Lyndonville, Vt. She was predeceased by an infant daughter; two husbands, Freeland Clark in the late 1950s and Edward Quinn in 1989; and by a sister, Elsie Hewey.

Services were held at the convenience of the family, with interment at Woodland Cemetery, Bethel. Contributions in her memory, marked for "Hospice" could be directed to Caledonia Home Health Care, PO Box 383, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas our Heavenly Father has called our beloved sister, Josephine Kendall, from earthly duties to the Great Grange above; and, whereas she will be greatly missed by the members of the Pleasant Valley Grange:

Resolved that we, the members of Pleasant Valley Grange #136 extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records; a copy be sent to the "Bethel Citizen" to be printed therein; and a copy be sent to the family of our beloved sister as a token of respect.

Committee of Resolutions
Pauline Applin
Ina Grover
Helen Saunders

In Memory of Esther Sweetser

A year ago you left us to go to a better place. I still love and miss you, your kind and gentle face.

You're visiting with loved ones, you're free of earthly pain and sorrow. I know we'll meet again, but not today or probably not tomorrow.

I know you went to heaven. I know God called you home. Some days are better than others, sometimes I feel so alone.

Often I go to your grave and silently shed a tear, remembering all of our good times. It's hard, you're there, I'm here.

They say time heals all wounds, that things get better in the end. I still love and miss you lots, so long for now Esther, old friend.

Love Florence

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Roy

Debra Anne Howard and Christopher Albert Roy were married July 10, 1999, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bridgton, with Father Bob Vaillancourt officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Vivian Howard of Bridgton and granddaughter of Faith Brown of Bethel. Parents of the bridegroom are Gilbert and Priscilla Roy of Casco.

Jill Howard of Kennebunk served as maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Jessica Proctor of Casco, Shannon Egan of Melrose, Mass., and Michelle Roy of Casco, sister of the bridegroom.

Nick Roy of Casco, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were Dustin Hancock of Damariscotta, Ryan Caron of Lewiston, and Jason Sardana of Brunswick.

A reception followed at Northern Pines Conference Center in Raymond.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Lake Region High School and a 1998 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington. She is employed by the Caribou school system.

The bridegroom graduated from the University of New England, Biddeford, in 1998. He is employed by County Physical Therapy.

Following a wedding trip to Prince Edward Island, Mr. and Mrs. Roy reside in Stockholm.

Births

Andee and Doug Alford of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Benjamin Richard, born on Oct. 25, 1999, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Morrison of New Haven, Conn., and the late Dr. Richard Morrison.

Paternal grandparents are Jeffrey Alford of Bethel and Len Alford of Wayland, Mass.

Marie and Michael Bellanceau of Locke Mills are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Nathan Allan, born on Oct. 22, 1999, at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are the late Albert and Faye Henley, formerly of Locke Mills.

Paternal grandparents are the late Al Bellanceau Sr. and Lorraine Bellanceau formerly of Auburn.

Great-grandmother is Nelie Na-

perrata of Webster, Mass.

Nathan joins two brothers, Chance and Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Spencer (Althea Stevens) of Bangor are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Hunter Delmont, born on Oct. 1, 1999, at Eastern Maine Medical Center, weighing 9 pounds, one-half ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Floyd and Alicia Stevens of South Woodstock.

Maternal great-grandmother is Barbara Cash of Norway.

Paternal grandparents are Delmont and Jean Spencer of Hampden.

Card of Thanks

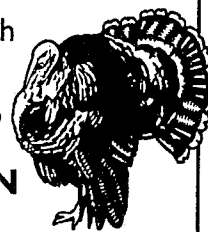
A special thanks to Dr. Deluca, the staff of the Rumford Community Hospital; my friends, and my family for all the kindness and visits while I was there and since my return home.

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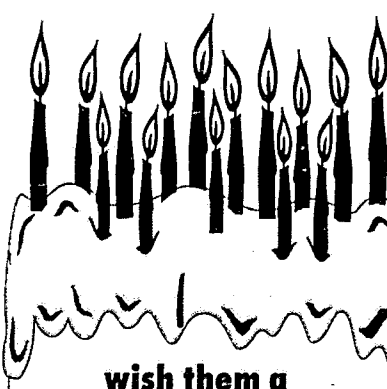
CRESCENT PARK PTA News

- 1). Thanks to everyone who volunteered to work our table at the Craft Fair.
- 2). The State PTA Convention scheduled for Friday, November 12th and Saturday, November 13th has been cancelled, due to low registration.

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Nov. 9th	Brian Blake

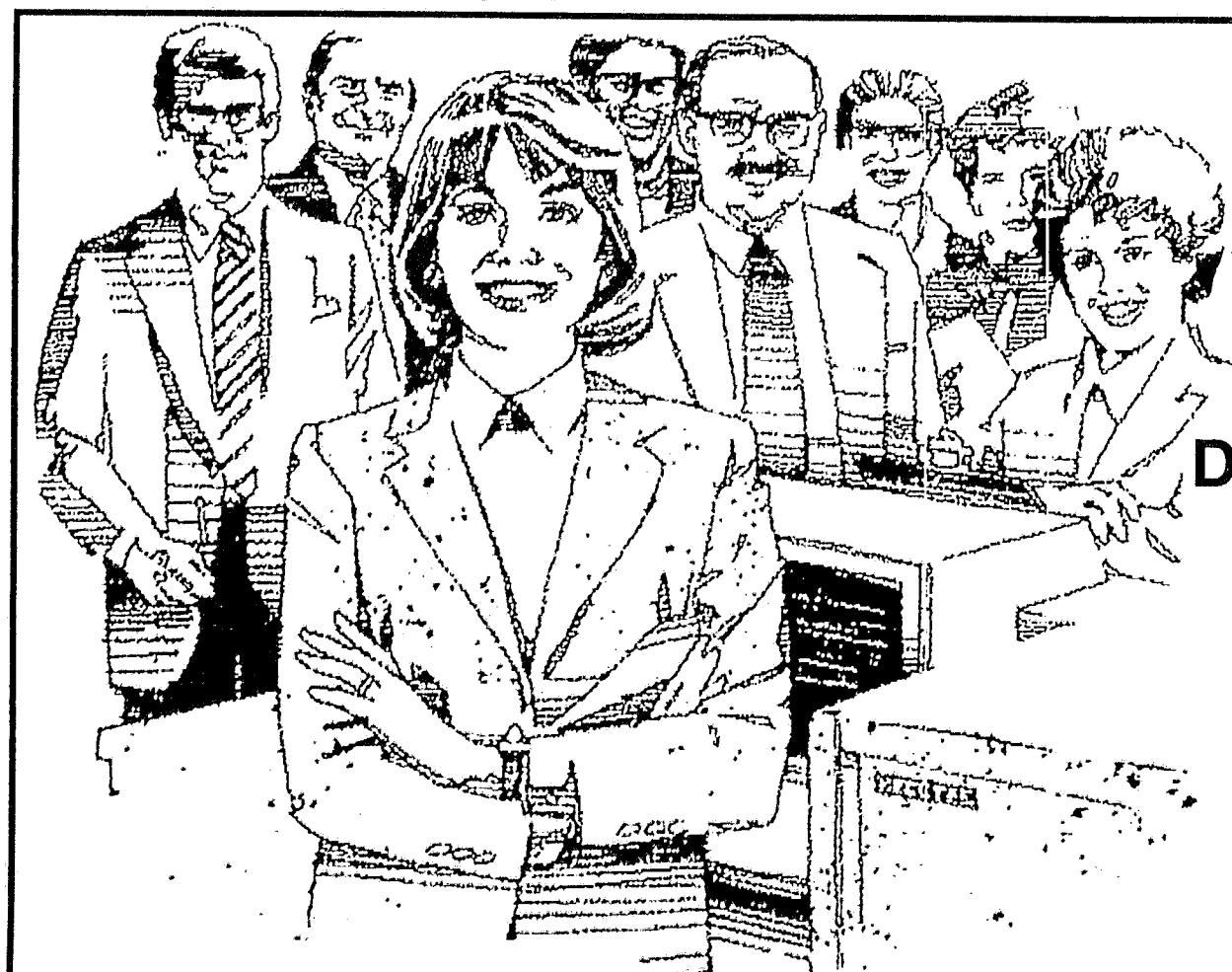
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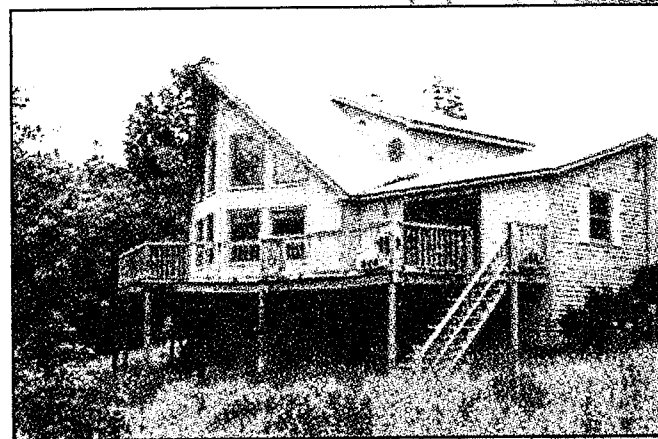
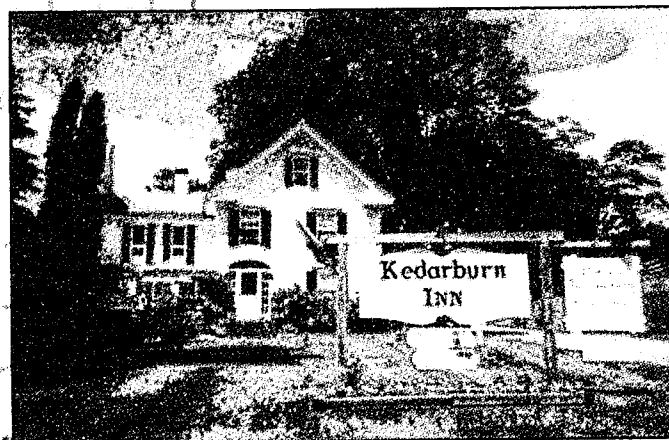
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If you're not looking to raise your pulse rate quite so high, the town of Bethel itself is a traditional New England village with numerous shops and restaurants to serve every taste and desire. From hand-crafted modern pottery at Bonnama Pottery to the Maine woodsman's weather stick (it can actually forecast the weather!) at Maine Line Products, Bethel has something for everyone. Bethel is also a great place to spend the evening with a variety of fine restaurants and casual pubs, and the Casablanca Cinema shows first-run movies with both matinee and evening screenings in four theaters.

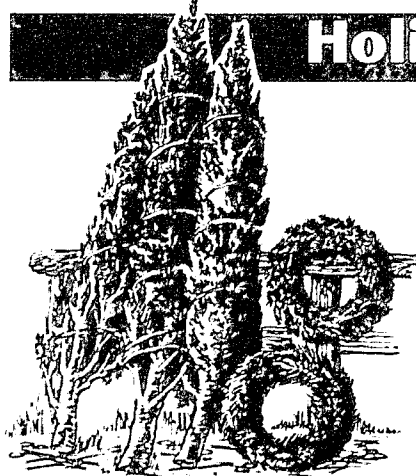
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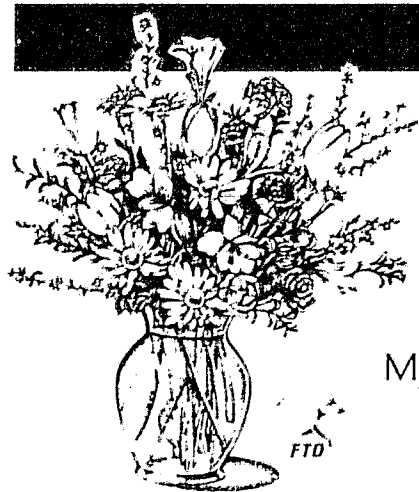
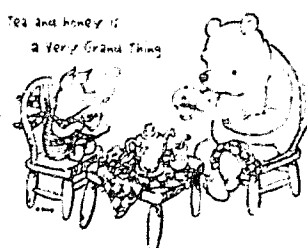
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Bethel Village will welcome the new millennium against a backdrop of more than 200 years of history. What could be more appropriate, then, than a

New Year's observance spearheaded by the Bethel Historical Society?

The "New Year's Bethel" chemical-free celebration had a successful inaugural run in 1999, and the society is polishing the plan for 2000.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a parade of lighted vehicles down Main Street. Musical entertainment follows and continues throughout the evening at several venues in the village.

There's something for everyone, whether your taste is jazz, fiddling, rock, country, gospel or all of the

above. Entertainment specifically geared to young children and teens is also planned.

As you walk from site to site, be sure to take in the bonfire on the Common. The blazing logs were a popular draw throughout the evening last year. Refreshments will also be available at a Food Court in the historic Moses Mason House, located across the street from the Common. Hot chocolate, coffee, chili and popcorn will be among the offerings.

The coming of midnight will bring a rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" by celebrants and the various musical groups at the gazebo on the Common. Fireworks at the nearby Bethel Inn will also welcome in the New Year.

Tickets for the evenings' activities are \$10 for adults and \$8 for ages five to 18. They are limited in number, so call (800) 824-2910 or e-mail History@bdc.bethel.me.us ahead.

Other Entertainment

In addition to the celebration in the village center, many area restaurant and lodging places are also planning celebrations. Sunday River Ski Resort will offer concerts, parties and dinners throughout its restaurants and hotels. Mt. Abram ski area in Locke Mills plans a New Year's Eve party as well.

The Sunday River Cross-Country Ski Center will offer a lantern-lit ski tour to a bonfire with marshmallows and fellowship. The Great Grizzly Restaurant will host a millennium dance party as part of its annual Red, White & Blue New Year's Eve Celebration.

Whatever your choice for greeting 2000, you're sure to take home some great Bethel millennium memories.



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The World's Tallest Snowman

It began as an attempt to attract attention to Bethel. It succeeded beyond wildest expectations.

The "World's Largest Snowman" project, in early 1999, was the brainchild of Paula Wheeler, special events coordinator for the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Inspiration struck at a planning meeting for the annual Bethel Winter Fest, as organizers discussed ideas for publicity. Wheeler listened as another committee member described a friend who had been involved in other record-setting building projects. "Why don't we build the world's largest snowman?" asked Wheeler.

The Guinness Book of World Records mark was held by a 96-foot snowman built in Yagamata, Japan, she later learned. Could Bethel build a bigger one?

Wheeler recruited engineer Jim Sysko to help formulate a plan for the project. The snowman would be built on an empty lot at Bethel Station. Early plans called for completing the work in time for the Winter Festival, scheduled for the weekend of Jan. 9. After 1998's Ice Storm wiped out the festival for the same weekend that year, organizers were hoping for better luck.

The work

The plan was developed to utilize Maine National Guard trucks to transport man-made snow from Sunday River Ski Resort. The trucks were new and their drivers needed experience in operating them, so a mutually beneficial alliance was born.

Also participating in the project would be school children from Crescent Park Elementary School, who would help make a six-foot papier-mache carrot nose for the snowman. Seventh-graders from Telstar Middle School would help make a cloth hat. And a group of seamstresses from the Bethel Methodist



Church were recruited to make a 120-foot long fleece scarf for the snowman.

Work got underway in December, as six trucks worked for a day hauling snow. The trucks returned again in early January for another five days, hauling half the snow needed for the project. At that time, the trucks were joined by a snow groomer from Sunday River, which began pushing the snow up into a pile. At the end of the period, the snowpile stood at about 40 feet high.

But the work wasn't progressing fast enough to finish by the winter festival. Organizers decided to press on, with an indefinite completion date.

The winter festival went forward, but was again dampened by rainy weather. A dedication

ceremony, featuring the completed 120-foot scarf, was held at a soggy Bethel Station site. A handful of people attended.

Meanwhile, a contest was underway at radio station WBLM in Portland to name the snowman. The winning choice: "Angus, King of the Mountain," in a play on the name of Maine Gov. Angus King.

Late January came, and it was apparent the project had stalled. The pile of snow had sat unchanged for three weeks. Locally-owned dump trucks that organizers hoped would be available to continue trucking snow were tied up with regular work. Rain and a lack of natural snow made for a bleak outlook.

It was time for Plan B: organizers decided to set up snowmaking guns on the site of the proj-

ect, and pump water from the nearby Androscoggin River.

Volunteers ran the hose and set up the snowguns in near-zero temperatures the last weekend in January. The guns ran three days and three nights, stopping several times as the frigid temperatures froze up the hoses.

On Sunday, Jan. 31, Sysko and the snowmakers decided there was enough snow, and the guns were shut down.

The manual labor then began. Aided by a Bancroft Corp. crane lifting snow in a clam bucket, workers shoveled and stomped snow into a four-foot-high, circular form made of old road construction signs. After filling the form, a section was then removed so the next "lift" would be slightly smaller in diameter.

Volunteers continued with this method for the next 15 days, doing a total of 21 lifts.

This time, the weather was more cooperative, and the rain held off. Volunteers willing to work on top of the snowpile, however, were hard to come by. At one point, volunteer Emily Beers hung a makeshift sign saying, "Come help," on the top. Several people responded, joining the crew.

At last, on Feb. 17, the snowman structure was measured at 113 feet, 7 inches. By now, Angus' progress had been regularly reported in the Maine news media.

Now that the necessary height had been achieved, workers hurried over the next three days to give "Angus" a more human form. Eyes were fashioned from giant wreaths, the nose was put in place, and five tires made the mouth. Three buttons, each painted with the words "Bethel, Maine," were made from skidder tires. The scarf was wrapped around the snowman's neck, and the hat topped him off. During the final phase, Angus developed a slight list to the south, as the sunny days melted him on that side.

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The celebration

On Friday, Feb. 19, Angus made his national debut on ABC television's "Good Morning America" show. A crowd of children and adults gathered in front of Angus to wish America a good morning from Bethel.

Later in the morning, a dedication featuring Gov. Angus King drew another large crowd. It was covered by all the Portland television stations.

From there, the media attention mushroomed. Angus appeared on the CNN news network several times. Dan Bilodeau, a Bryant Pond resident who is a pilot for Continental Airlines, saw the CNN report while he was in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. An Associated Press photo distributed nationwide appeared in the daily paper in Salt Lake City, Utah. Calls for interviews with the organizers came from London.

And people came. Maine residents, many of them grandparents bringing their grandchildren, made a special trip to Bethel to see Angus and take pictures. A couple from Newport News, Va., detoured from their New Hampshire vacation to see him. Another couple, after seeing the snowman on television, reportedly drove to Bethel all the way from Michigan.

Skiers headed for Sunday River stopped to take pictures. Snowmobilers who came for a look clogged Bethel-area trails, and local groomers labored to restore the trails after they were chewed up by the large number of machines.

Nearby businesses reaped the profits of the people traffic, as the sightseers stopped to eat or buy film. The Chamber of Commerce hurriedly had postcards and some souvenir T-shirts printed – and quickly found they couldn't keep enough in supply. They started taking orders, as Groan & McGurn struggled to keep up production of Angus items.

And looking ahead to the day when the snowman would inevitably melt, the chamber organized a raffle to pick the day he would be reduced to no more than a puddle. Sysko was designated to note the official day of melting.

It was apparent by then, however, that Angus would be remembered long after the last of him drained back into the Androscoggin River.

Said Wheeler, "We all share a special little something that Angus has given us – a smile – and this smile will return to us again and again as we recall all 113 feet, seven inches of him, and the fun that we had."

and next year...

"A very awesome sight. What's the big event for next year?"

That was the comment from one of the many thousands of people who came to see Bethel's world-record snowman last February.

Those who come back this millennial winter won't be disappointed. In recognition of the year 2000 and in memory of Angus, the Bethel Chamber of Commerce is planning a project to build 2000 small snowmen. And they want to include winter visitors in the fun.

The snowmen will be constructed between Dec. 25 and Feb. 19 as part of the 2000 Snowmen Festival. Vacationers are invited to join local residents, businesses and other organizations in building their own snowmen.

Prizes are planned for winners the following categories: tallest, smallest, most colorful, most original, best dressed and best Angus look-alike.

Organizers plan to make several sites in town available



for building snowmen, if lodging places do not have the space. "We're encouraging Christmas guests to build snowmen, and then come back later to doctor them up," said Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel chamber.

On New Year's Eve, celebrants will be invited to take part in a group effort to building an Angus look-like on the Bethel Common. Other millennium activities are also planned.

For those who can only be in Bethel in spirit, plans are also in the works to allow long-distance participation in the snowmen festival.

Builders may construct their snowman in their own backyard in Portland, Boston or anywhere else and simply send a photo of the completed snowman to the chamber. (P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217; e-mail info@bethelmaine.com or web site www.bethelmaine.com; phone 824-2282)

On Feb. 19 – the first anniversary of Angus' completion – all the snowmen will be dedicated in a special ceremony.

The Snowmen Festival offers more than just snowmen, however. Throughout the duration of the festival, area businesses will feature special offerings, including sale prices, free food sampling and specials on lodging. Special weekly activities are also planned.

The Chamber of Commerce will publish a weekly calendar of events beginning shortly before Christmas.

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But the key to Sunday River's success is its track record of innovation, which spans virtually every aspect of modern resort design and operation. In fact, if there's a trend in skiing, odds are its roots can be found at Sunday River.

THE LEADER IN SNOW

It is a simple concept: the best snow will provide the guest with the best ski and snowboard experience. For the past twenty years, the success of Sunday River can be in large part attributed to snow quality, which has consistently been ranked as tops

in the East by guests and industry publications.

There's a reason it's so good. Since 1980, Sunday River has served as a research and development facility for the testing and design of new techniques of snowmaking, grooming and management. In addition to creating and employing its own designs, new equipment from grooming machine manufacturers and snowmaking engineers is usually tested at Sunday River

first. From the computer control system to specially-designed snowguns, Sunday River has led the industry in snowmaking technology for more than a decade, and the improvement in snow management at resorts nationwide can be directly attributed to Sunday River's success.

Snowmaking alone, however, does not ensure the best snow surface. Sunday River's more experienced groomers developed the "slow-tilt" grooming technique, which provides a more consistent and longer-lasting snow surface day after day. The resort has added two new grooming machines to the fleet this season, ensuring that its grooming fleet of 12 is one of the most modern in the industry. Five new machines were added during the 1998/1999 season.

THE LEADER IN TRAIL AND LIFT LAYOUT

Sunday River has built nearly a hundred trails in the past two decades. In the process, it has created some of the most exciting and challenging ski and snowboard terrain in the country.

Most skiers and snowboarders are more comfortable on wide trails. But rather than cutting and blasting broad, consistently-pitched swaths devoid of charac-

ter, Sunday River's trails are designed to take advantage of natural terrain features – variations in pitch, compound fall lines, turns and banks.

As a result, the resort is a cruiser's paradise, offering long, wide runs that still retain the feel of the mountain. The philosophy garnered the resort the National Ski Area Design Award for trail layout.

But not every skier or snowboarder likes that type of terrain. In the early '90s, Sunday River was at the forefront of the trend to add gladed terrain. And it also created several steep, narrow, extremely challenging trails in the Jordan Bowl and Oz areas for skiers and snowboarders preferring classic New England-style terrain.

Each of Sunday River's eight interconnected mountain peaks can be viewed as a unique, standalone ski area. Each peak is designed to offer its own unique feel and serve a range of ability levels. Trails and lifts are configured so that groups of guests with differing abilities can ride up together, select their own routes down and meet at the bottom.

This philosophy of trail design is one of the primary reasons the resort is so popular with families: the more advanced skiers in a group can share the experience with the less advanced, yet the entire group can stay together.

THE LEADER IN ON-MOUNTAIN LODGING AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

While the snow is the key to the on-mountain experience, Sunday River also offers the most truly slopeside lodging in the East. Sunday River can sleep 6,000 people within walking distance of the slopes. That includes an award-winning ski dorm, which offers inexpensive lodging to groups and clubs.

The resort's lodging properties are the Grand Summit Resort Hotel and Conference Center and the Jordan Grand Resort Hotel and Conference Center offering 230 and 200 rooms respectively. Designed to reinvent the mountain vacation by bringing back the grandeur of the mountain hotels popular in the early 1900's, both hotels offer quartershare ownership opportunities.

The quartershare interval-ownership program created at Sunday River has proven so successful that Grand Summit resort hotels have also been built at sister resorts Mount Snow, Killington and Attitash Bear Peak, and are under construction at The Canyons in Utah and Steamboat in Colorado. The influence of the quartershare concept can be seen at other resorts in the United States and Canada.

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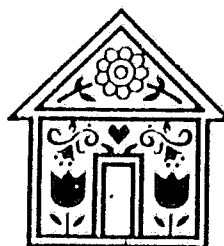
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THE LEADER IN SKIER AND SNOWBOARDER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

As Sunday River looks toward the future, the resort continues to expand existing programs, including Perfect Turn®. Introduced in 1989, Perfect Turn is a skier and snowboarder coaching program that combines leading-edge techniques with state-of-the-art educational theory. This tremendously successful program is based on a simple concept: help skiers ski better and they'll have more fun (and want to ski more often). Many of

the guest-centered philosophies of Perfect Turn have been adopted by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA).

Perfect Turn also helps new skiers and snowboarders get their start. The resort pioneered accelerated learn to ski programs in the early '80s, and revolutionized learning to ski and ride – again – last season. The Sprint® Perfect Turn Discovery Center at the South Ridge Base Lodge is designed to both introduce people to skiing and snowboarding and the lifestyle and excitement that keeps them in the sports. The Discovery Center was so successful that the retention rate was nearly twice that of other industry learn to ski programs.

THE LEADER IN NEW EQUIPMENT

When shaped skis first hit the stores, skiers and retailers alike thought of them as a novelty. Sunday River was the first resort to recognize them as the future of the industry. By creating an innovative free "Guided Demo" program, allowing guests to try the new equipment while being coached by a Perfect Turn pro, Sunday River accelerated the acceptance of shaped products by at least a year.

Now that shaped skis are the

norm, Sunday River continues to lead the way in innovative techniques of promoting the skis and the advantages they hold for all skiers, regardless of ability level. The Guided Demo program now helps skiers and snowboarders select equipment perfectly matched to their style and ability.

Sunday River has offered free guided demos out of the Pro Shop at Crisports at the South Ridge Base Lodge, but for the 1999/2000 season demos will be available on the South Ridge slopes with a tent outside the South Ridge Base Lodge. The development of the Pro Shop has been a natural progression of Sunday River's Perfect Turn programs, and through the integration of the retail shop and Perfect Turn, Sunday River exposes its guests to the entire ski experience.

The home of Legendary Sunday River Snow™, Sunday River serves as the headquarters of the American Skiing Company, which includes Killington, Mount Snow and Sugarbush in Vermont; Attitash Bear Peak in New Hampshire; Sunday River and Sugarloaf/USA in Maine; Steamboat in Colorado; The Canyons in Utah; and Heavenly in Lake Tahoe on the California/Nevada line.

What's Happening at Sunday River

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE FOR THE 1999/2000 SEASON

Please Note: All dates and events subject to change.

NOVEMBER

November 25 - THANKSGIVING DAY A Sunday River tradition: a FREE turkey dinner with the purchase of a lift ticket!

November 27-28 - DEMO DAYS More than 30 of the biggest names in skis and snowboards with all the latest gear...just in time for the holiday shopping season!

DECEMBER

December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE 2000 Welcome the year 2000... let's party! Featuring Bellvue Cadillac in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel and other celebrations across the resort!

JANUARY

January 10-14 - GOTTA ROCK COLLEGE WEEK College students pay attention, because the lift tickets and lodging are cheap and there's entertainment aplenty!

January 15-16 - BUDWEISER AERIAL ASSAULT Three FREE shows with the best inverted aerial daredevils on the planet for your entertainment, including a nighttime show with fireworks!

FEBRUARY

February 12 - MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION & SKI CLUB CASINO NIGHT A longtime Sunday River favorite: fun races, casino night and special lift and lodging packages.

MARCH

March 11-12 - BUD LIGHT BOARDERFEST Halfpipe, snowboardcross and a big air invitational on the snow with a car giveaway and one huge party off the slopes!

APRIL

April 1-2 - THE 13TH ANNUAL BUST N' BURN MOGUL COMPETITION White Heat is the stage, and 225 of the best (and worst) amateur bump skiers in the East and the top pros from around the world battle head-to-head for cash, prizes and bragging rights. It's a party on the slopes with a barbecue and plenty of live entertainment!

April 22-23 - SPRING CELEBRATION From an Easter Sunrise Service to the 6th Annual Pond Skimming Challenge, it's a celebration of spring skiing and riding. Don't forget the shades and the sunscreen!

MAY

May 1 - SKI MAYNIA FREE lift tickets for all skiers and riders! What more do you need to know?

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Sunday River Vacations

LODGING PACKAGES FOR THE 1999/2000 SEASON

Mark the days off on the calendar. Pack up the car. Round up the kids. It's time for vacation.

Sunday River offers a variety of vacation packages for the 1999/2000 season. Specialty packages are available throughout the season, and guests booking select non-holiday packages before November 1, 1999 will receive an additional 10 percent off. Please note all packages and prices are subject to change.

Best of all, Sunday River offers online booking at www.sundayriver.com.

WEEK PACKAGES

Ski Week: From \$299 per person, when booked before November 1, 1999! The ultimate winter vacation package! Five days of skiing and riding and loads of fun activities, which makes the Ski Week perfect for any family. Package also includes a welcome wine and cheese party on Monday, fireworks, entertainment and more. Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium or double occupancy in the Snow Cap Inn. Packages start at \$339 when booked after November 1, 1999. Available for Sunday arrivals, excluding holiday periods; five night minimum stay required.

Winter Wonderland Week: From \$299 per person—special January rate! Five days of skiing and riding in the heart of the season! Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium or double occupancy in the Snow Cap Inn. Available the month of January, excluding holiday periods; five night minimum stay required. Early booking savings not available.

SEASONAL PACKAGES

Early Season: From \$59.95 per person, per night! As soon as the largest and most technically advanced snowmaking system in the East has laid down the first snows of the season, it is time to make the first turns of the season. Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium or double occupancy in the Snow Cap Inn. Offer available through November 23, 1999. Early booking savings not available.

Thanksgiving: From \$62.95 per person, per night when booked before November 1, 1999! Give thanks for the largest and most technically advanced snowmaking system in New England! Plus, each skier and rider gets a free turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day! Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium. Offered November 24-28, 1999; three night minimum stay required. Packages start at \$69.95 when booked after November 1, 1999.

Enjoy the Holidays: From \$119.95 per person, per night! Christmas in New England, Sunday River style: visits from Santa, fireworks, sleigh rides and more! Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium. Offered December 26-28, 1999; three night minimum stay required. Early booking savings not available.

New Year's 2000: From \$144 per person, per night! The year 2000 is here, and it's time to party! Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium. Offered December 26, 1999 - January 1, 2000; three, four and seven night packages available. Early booking savings not available.

Special Weekend Getaways: From \$80.95 per person, per night when booked before November 1, 1999! Leave the daily grind behind and escape to the mountains! Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium. Offered January 7-8, 21-22, 28-29, March 3-4 and 10-11, 2000; two night minimum stay required. Packages start at \$89.95 when booked after November 1, 1999.

Gotta Rock College Week: From \$45 per person, per night! A free t-shirt, daily après ski parties and giveaways galore! Plus, live bands every night! Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium or double occupancy in the Snow Cap Inn. Offered January 9-14, 2000; five night minimum stay required. Early booking savings not available.



Martin Luther King Weekend: From \$89.95 per person per night when booked before November 1, 1999! Enjoy the long weekend, and don't miss the highest-flying show on the snow... The Budweiser Aerial Assault. Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium. Offered January 14-15, 2000; two night minimum stay required. Packages start at \$99.95 when booked after November 1, 1999.

Bust N' Burn: From \$71.95 per person per night when booked before November 1, 1999! It's the East's biggest spring mogul party with 225 of the best (and worst) amateur bump skiers in the East and the top pros from the United States and Canada tackling White Heat!

Wouldn't dream of competing? Join the slopeside party with plenty of food and live entertainment. Prices based on maximum occupancy in a slopeside condominium. Offered March 31-April 1, 2000; two night minimum stay required. Packages start at \$79.95 when booked after November 1, 1999.

Extend Your Weekend: Save those hard-earned vacation days! Extend your Sunday River weekend with a Thursday or Sunday night stay at the Snow Cap Inn or slopeside condominium for as little as \$55, including lift tickets and lodging. Relax one more night at the Grand Summit Resort Hotel or the Jordan Grand Resort Hotel for only \$75.

For reservations and details, call 1.800.543.2SKI or book online at www.sundayriver.com. For all lift and lodging packages, a 12 percent service charge including tax and gratuity is added. For kids ages 6-12, deduct \$14 per day, per junior from total adult package price. Children 5 and under receive a free lift ticket.

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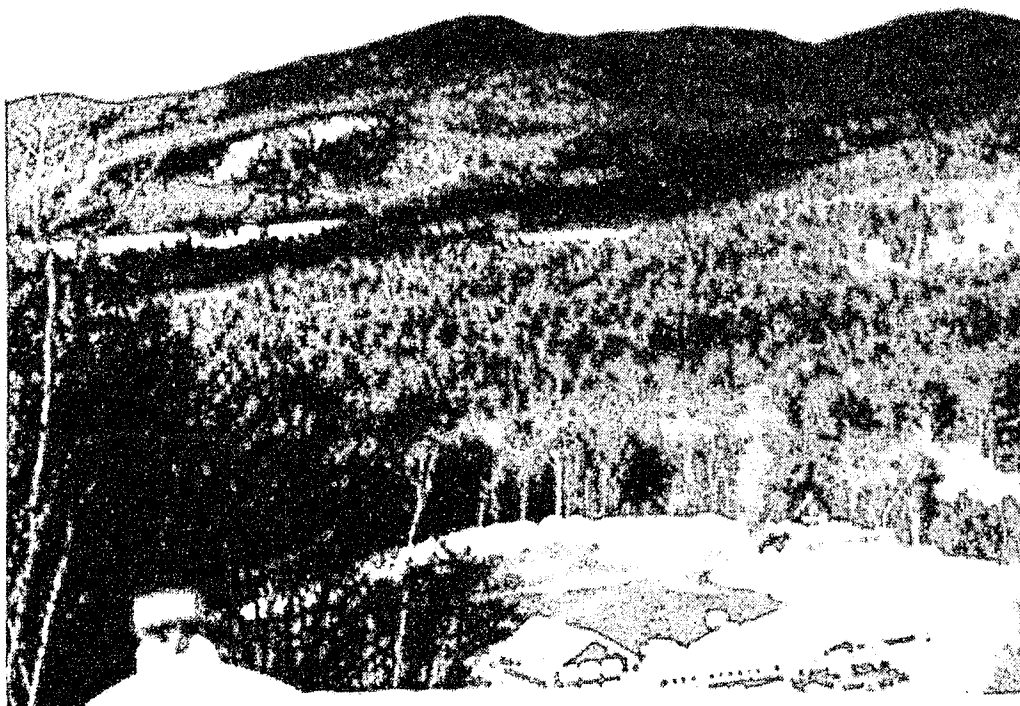
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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 1999-2000

DECEMBER

- 26 Christmas Week Celebration
- 27 Kids Giant Slalom Race
- 29 Carnival Day
- 31 New Years Eve Party

JANUARY

- 1 Kids Scavenger Hunt
- 2 Maine Citizen Giant Slalom Race
- 8 Snowboard Clinic and Cider Festival
- 9 Snowboard Giant Slalom Race
- 15 On-Snow Demo Day
- 16 Giant Slalom Race
- 22 Telemark Festival
- 23 Giant Slalom Race
- 29 Fifth-Grade Giant Slalom Race
- 30 Ski Patrol Invitational

FEBRUARY

- 5 Ski Challenge Giant Slalom Race
- 6 Kids Giant Slalom Race
- 12-13 Challenge Giant Slalom Race
- 19 Ski Patrol Giant Slalom and Benefit Auction
- 20 Kids Giant Slalom Race
- 26 Snowboard Challenge
- 27 Father-Son Day

MARCH

- 4 Mother/Daughter Day
- 5 Kids Giant Slalom Day
- 11 Spring Invitational Giant Slalom Race
- 12 Kids Giant Slalom Race
- 18 Maine Restaurant
Employees Giant Slalom Race
- 19 Snowboard Challenge



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Mt. Abram has been a favorite of families, especially those with small children

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The Quick Slide Program is eight hours of lessons (two two-hour sessions daily) for adults only, on four levels. All levels offered every weekend so you can join the next level at your convenience.

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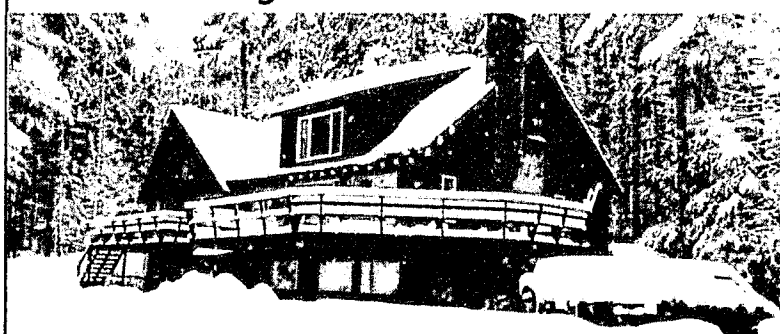
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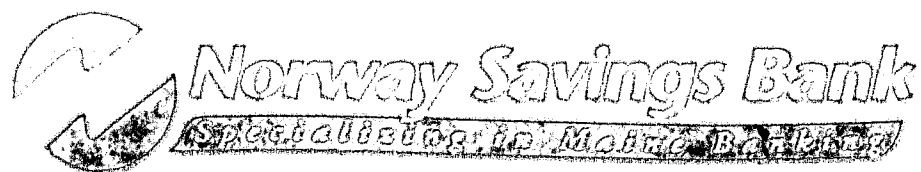
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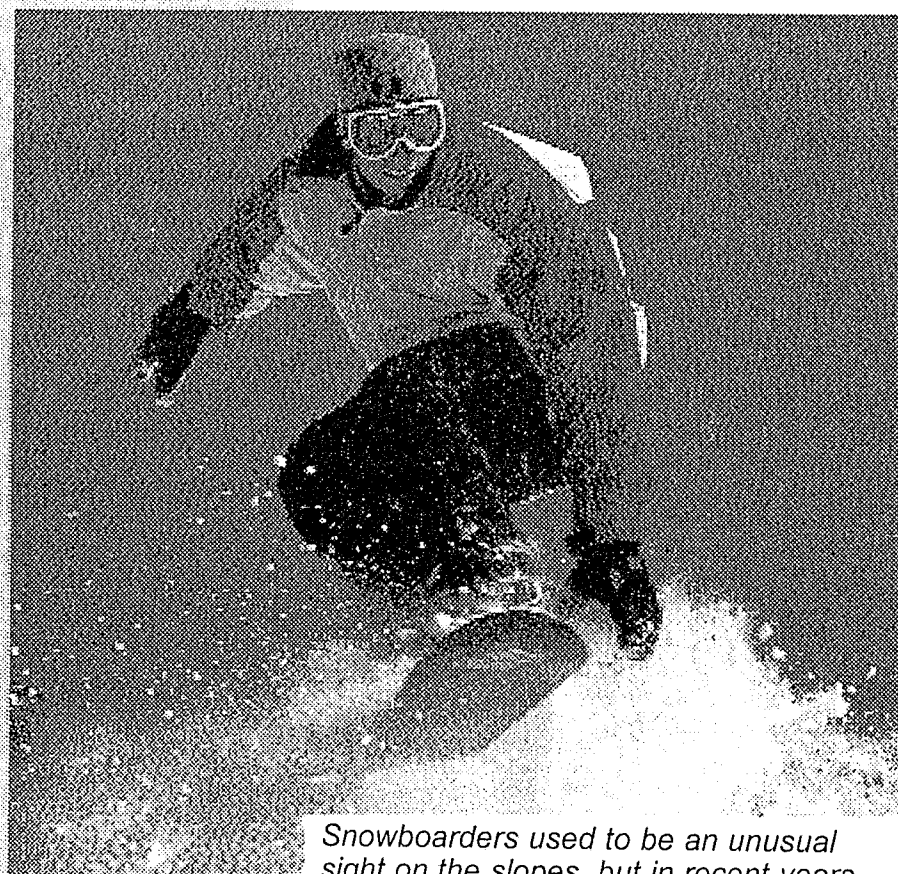
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The centerpiece of Sunday River's snowboarding scene is a 450-foot half-pipe, located on Lower Tempest behind the White Cap base lodge.

The pipe is open seven days a week – but when the sun goes down the action really heats up. Riders can hit the pipe at night Wednesday through Saturday, plus holidays, from 5-9 p.m. The pipe is serviced by a surface lift, open only at night. Night-time-only lift tickets are available.

Big air, freestyle contests and pipe jams are scheduled throughout the season.

In addition to the half-pipe, all eight of Sunday River's mountain peaks are open to riders. Playgrounds are located throughout the trail system. In all, Sunday River has eight playgrounds featuring hits, rolls and spines that change often.

For new riders, the resort offers a Guaranteed Learn to Ride in One Day Program. Designed for someone who has never stepped on a snowboard before, the clinics begin with the basics and continue until the guest can successfully ride down a novice trail. Clinics are also offered for advanced snowboarders.

Snowboard sales and rentals are also available at Ride On!

Down the road at Mt. Abram, boarders will find another half-pipe. Mt. Abram also offers plenty of terrain elements at the Dudley Do-right and Boris Badenough trails.

New boarders can get lessons daily, or in a package format. Board rentals are available.

Shawnee Peak in Bridgton also offers glades areas that riders will want to explore, as well as a permanent terrain park on a main slope.

For kids, Shawnee offers the national Mini-Riders snowboard program for ages 7-12. Full or half-day programs are available. Private lessons are also offered.

Shawnee also offers a season-long Boardercross event. Boarders looking to purchase equipment and gear off-mountain have several shops to choose from in the area.

The Snowboarding Scene

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Get a Good Workout

Take off across a gently sloped open field, enjoy the shelter of a pine-woods trail passing an old covered bridge, or take on a more challenging trek down the Mt. Washington Auto Road. There's a setting to fit your every cross-country mood in Western Maine and the White Mountain region of neighboring New Hampshire.

Cross-country is the skinny-ski, climb-the-hill-yourself, get-a-good-workout, and enjoy-some-peace-and-quiet version of skiing.

The Bethel area has three cross-country ski areas plus there are two or more just a short drive west. All offer lessons and equipment rentals as well as retail shops of varying sizes so you only need some motivation and energy to give this sport a try.

The following is a list of cross-country ski areas in the Bethel area and nearby. Pick one or several of them, pack up the family, and head out for a great day in the woods.

The Bethel Inn Cross Country Center

Located on Broad Street in the heart of Bethel, the cross-country center (824-6276) is part of this grand old hotel. It offers 40 kilo-

meters of trails, 30 of which are groomed for both diagonal stride and skate skiing, and the terrain includes both the open expanses of the golf course as well as wooded trails.

They are hoping to open Dec. 1. Day passes are \$12, while season passes are \$75 per person or \$100 per family. The purchase of a full-day cross-country pass any day during the week also allows the use of facilities of the recreation center until 4 p.m. (not available on weekends).

While the recreation center includes the sauna, weight room,

a small bar, pool table, and games, the most intriguing option after a day of cross-country skiing is the use of the 92-degree heated outdoor pool. It makes a great finale to the day resting those exercised muscles sitting in a corner of the warm pool beneath the winter skies and gazing out at the mountains.

Carter's Cross Country Center

This is one of two cross-country ski areas owned by David and Anne Carter. Growing up in Bethel, David was a ski racer and has designed some of his advanced trails to offer a few challenges to the skilled skier.

Located on the Middle Intervale Road, the center offers a mix of gentle scenic terrain along the banks of the Androscoggin River on the west side of the road along with more advanced and challenging trails that head up Farwell Mountain to the east.

There are 60 kilometers of trails, 30 of which are tracked. The rest are groomed for more of a backcountry experience on the mountain.

A full-day ticket is priced at \$10 and season passes range from \$50 for an individual to \$125 for a family. The lodge is available for lunch breaks and just relaxing. Carter's also has two cabins and a yurt available for overnight rental, as well as rooms in the main lodge. Prices vary with group size.

Snowshoe rentals are also available. Opening day is expected to be sometime during the week before Christmas.

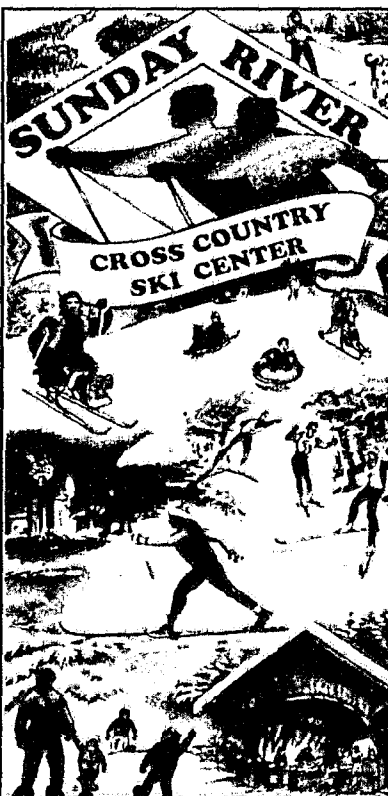
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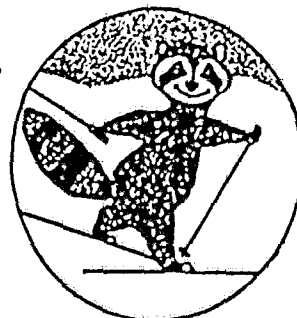
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derful picnic, rest and photo destination. Back at the center, the sunny base lodge is perfect for apres-ski relaxing and enjoying hot beverages, juices and snacks between trail adventures.

Programs are offered weekly for skiers of all ages and include children's outdoor learning adventures on skis and snowshoes, adult tours, low key citizens' races and adaptive ski experiences with Maine Handicapped Skiing. A schedule

of special weekend events is available from the Center and includes such favorites as a progressive picnic on skis and the Pole, Paddle and Paw race.

Steve and Peggy Wight and their staff plan to open on Nov. 28, the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Full day tickets run from \$6 to \$14. Season passes range from \$65 for students and seniors to \$225 for families with early season discounts available.

The Balsams

This dramatic grand resort of yesteryear is about 50 minutes northwest of Bethel. Located at the height of Dixville Notch, the resort itself is a spectacle to behold. It is more reminiscent of a castle in Switzerland than what one would expect to find in the hinterlands of far northern New England.

There are 90 kilometers of trails, most of which are groomed for both diagonal stride and skate skiing. The trails can take one everywhere from a gentle ski to the upper golf course with its panoramic views to a trip out to the warming hut at Mud Pond, with access from there to more remote trails to advanced trails leading to mountain tops.

The Balsams offers numerous two-for-one trail pass specials Monday through Thursday, with the exception of holidays. Classic and skate lessons will be taught on a regular basis.

A luncheon tour, available weekly, includes a guided tour of Mud Pond with a hot meal prepared by the outstanding Balsam chefs served at the warming hut. Please call ahead for reserva-



tions (603) 255-3400, ext. 2543.

Ten snowshoe trails totaling 30 kilometers are also available for use by guests.

Great Glen Trails

45 minutes west of Bethel, Great Glen is situated in Pinkham Notch at the base of Mt. Washington.

There are 20 kilometers of groomed trails for both diagonal stride and skate skiing and 20 kilometers of backcountry skiing.

Backcountry skiing at Great Glen has a special twist as it includes a three-and-a-half mile ski down the Mt. Washington Auto Road for cross-country and telemark skiers and snowshoers.

But don't fret that you have to climb those miles before you can ski down them. Great Glen provides a shuttle service nearly to tree line on Washington where one begins the ski down trail. One should call ahead for information, (603) 466-2333. Great Glen also offers winter sightseeing tours on the Mt. Washington Auto Road to just

above tree line aboard their new Snow Coach.

Other ski trails range from beginner to advanced with both rental and lessons, including a women's program, available.

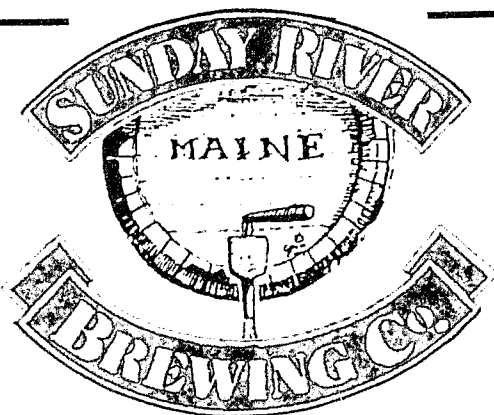
Full-day tickets are \$9 mid-week and \$14 weekends, with season passes available for individuals and families. Adult, junior and senior trail passes are available.

Child care is also offered, and their post-and-beam lodge is open to all.

The area will continue its eight-week Audi Nordic Meister Race Series, beginning Jan. 1. There will also be racing under the lights on three Friday evenings in December. The Swick Nordic Sprint Series will run a double elimination format on a .3-kilometer course in the evening competition.

Ski reports are available daily on the area's web site (www.mt-washington.com).

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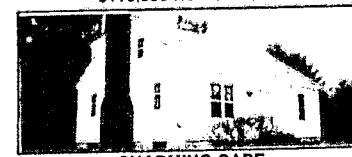
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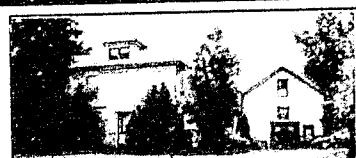
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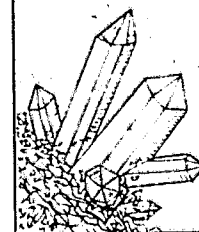
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The White Mountain National Forest, which borders Bethel, is a wonderful place in which to enjoy the beauty of winter. And there's plenty to do.

Listen to the chirping chickadees, the softness of your footsteps, and the occasional "plop" as clumps of snow fall from the trees around you. Find your way along the miles of unplowed roads and venture onto the network of hiking trails winding through the sleeping forest.

Take some time to explore a piece of the White Mountain National Forest. Stretching to the south and west of Bethel, Maine, into northern New Hampshire, the national forest is almost 800,000 acres of public land managed by the USDA Forest Service. This working forest is managed to provide diverse habitats for wildlife, recreation opportunities for all citizens, timber supplies for our communities' mills, wilderness areas, and clean air and water to benefit all of Earth's inhabitants.

Visiting the White Mountain National Forest is easy and free (some parking areas require a parking pass for a small fee, call for information). Winter use is relatively low, making it a wonderful getaway for a day of quiet exploration.

What's there to do in the winter woods? How about hiking, snowshoeing, climbing, snowmobiling, camping, photography, wildlife watching, and sightseeing along scenic drives? The ways to enjoy the winter woods are as varied as the terrain — from frozen mountain ponds to windswept alpine

areas, from gurgling brooks to steep ravines, from open fields to dense fir forests, you'll find something to explore and enjoy.

Hiking, Cross Country Skiing, and Snowshoeing

There are several commercial cross-country and downhill ski areas located in the national forest if you're looking for convenience, services, and groomed terrain. For a more primitive experience, take time away from it all to enjoy the winter roads and backcountry trails winding through the White Mountain National Forest. These are packed by early skiers and snowshoers, leaving a track for all who follow. Follow the easy grade of winter roads, or challenge yourself on the many trails leading to mountain peaks or hidden ponds. Hiking in early and late winter is possible, however snowshoes or skis are a must in the dead of winter; travel through the snowy woods is arduous and unsafe without them.

Roads and trails in the White Mountain National Forest can be reached from Route 5 in Bethel, the Flat Road and the Bog Road in West Bethel, and Route 2 and Route 113 in Gilead.

Snowmobiling

Local clubs and the states of Maine and New Hampshire work cooperatively to maintain and groom a network of snowmobile trails through the White Mountain National Forest. Parking areas are located at several points around the forest. Snowmobiling in the national forest is allowed on designated and groomed trails only, and trails are open to non-

motorized uses also.

Parking areas with trail access are located south of Bethel near Route 5 and near the state line on Route 2. Call the State of Maine's hotline for the latest trail conditions at 1-800-880-SNOW.

Camping

Three-sided log structures are available for shelter in the backcountry, except in wilderness areas. The shelters provide refuge in a storm, or offer a nice place to stop and take a break in your travels. They are also used for overnight camping, accommodating groups of about six to eight people. Most have raised wooden floors, fire rings, and outhouses. Several developed, drive-up campgrounds are plowed and open through the winter.

Christmas Trees

Pack a thermos of hot chocolate and gather your family together for a day in the forest to search out your own special Christmas tree. Roam around to find just the right one; a \$5 permit allows you to cut one tree for your home. Permits can be purchased at the Evans Notch Visitor Center on Mayville Road in Bethel.

Winter on Mount Washington

At 6,288 feet in elevation at the summit, Mount Washington is the highest point in the Northeast and the centerpiece of the White Mountain National Forest. The mountain is a popular destination for thousands of hikers and sightseers who come to challenge themselves on the trails, travel to the top by road or rail, or simply renew their spirits by taking in the natural beauty of the land. Winter is harsh on Mount Washington. Major storm tracks converge at the summit, creating a frozen environment for much of the year, with unpredictable changes in the weather. The average mid-winter temperature at the summit is 4.8 degrees Fahrenheit. Snow falls two out of every three days, and winds average 45 mph. with regular gusts higher than 100 mph. Brrrr!

Winter visitors come to ski the steep and undeveloped slopes of Tuckerman Ravine, or to climb the ice walls in Huntington Ravine. Some seek the challenge of the alpine zone, others find the sheltered low country challenge enough. Mountain travel requires special gear, knowledge of the conditions, training in survival techniques, and experience. Check with winter recreation specialists or call the U.S. Forest Service for advice and information.

Scenic Driving

Although many of the interior roads are closed for the winter, several of the major routes through the forest are designated as National Scenic Byways, and certainly worth exploring.

For directions, trail guides, maps and specific information about winter recreation in the White Mountain National Forest, visit the Evans Notch Visitor Center on Route 2 in Bethel, or write to the U.S. Forest Service, 18 Mayville Road, Bethel, ME 04217, or call 824-2134 TTY 824-3312



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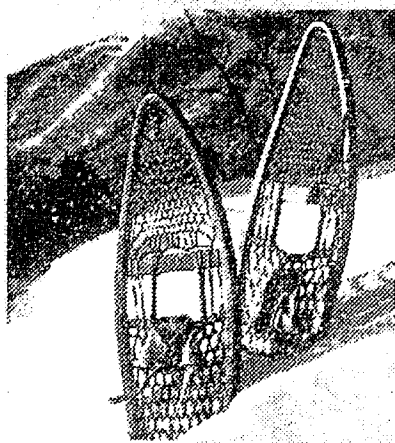
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If a speed rush is not your thing, or you want to savor the beauty of the winter woods, snowshoes are the way to go. Snowshoeing is one of the easiest ways to get to the backcountry when the snow lies deep. It can also be one of the most physically demanding backcountry challenges. It all depends on what you want to make of your adventure.



By REBECCA ZICARELLI

Snowshoes are an ancient form of transportation. The concept of distributing weight over a wider area to make travel through snow was developed by many primitive societies. They were an integral part of mankind's ability to settle lands in the Temperate Zone, where summers were kind and winters were harsh.

Snowshoe evolution was brought to a pinnacle by American Indians. The wooden frame, teardrop shaped snowshoe that most people picture was developed by indigenous people of the Northeast and northern Midwest regions of North America. Fur traders, explorers, soldiers and settlers all relied on snowshoes.

Modern snowshoes, with light weight frames and nearly indestructible decking, have brought about a renaissance in snowshoeing. Requiring little more

than the ability to walk, almost anyone can take to the woods on a pair of snowshoes. With a built in crampon to give better control on steep slopes or in icy conditions, snowshoes allow access to mountainous terrain that the older style snowshoes couldn't handle.

Dillon Gillies, manager of the Snow Cap Inn at Sunday River, snowshoes to keep in shape for running marathons. "Anyone can snowshoe," Gillies said. "They just have to dress right, and choose a route appropriate to their abilities."

Dressing right means dressing in layers. Snowshoeing can be hard work, and you need to be able to shed layers as you heat up and cover up when you rest. Dressing right also means carrying water and a snack, such as a power bar. Footwear can be anything from a pair of running shoes with gaiters to Sorrel style boots. Just remember, the lighter the footwear, the more energy you'll have for the trek.

Snowshoeing routes abound in the Bethel region. The local Nordic Centers — The Bethel Inn, Carter's X-Country Ski Center, the Sunday River Inn; and the Telemark Inn — all have snowshoe trails and rentals.

The snowmobile trail system is another great way to get into the woods on a pair of snowshoes. The trails, maintained by the local snowmobile clubs, are extensive and cover a wide variety of terrain. If you opt for the snowmobile trail system, remember that you're probably crossing private property, treat it with respect. Snowmobilers are happy to share the trails, but snowmo-

biles are becoming quieter and faster, and pedestrians on the trails need to yield the right of way. Be vigilant about stepping out of the trail for machines to pass.

The Mount Will Trail, off Route 2 East of the Sunday River Road, is a great place to snowshoe. Maintained by the Bethel Conservation Commission, it allows access to great views. It is a 3 1/4 miles long loop, and has some steep sections. Trail maps for Mount Will are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Bethel Town Hall, and the Maine Visitor Information Center on Route 2.

Information on the National Forest hiking trails, such as Caribou Mountain; the Pattee Brook Road area, including Crocker Pond and Albany Mountain; Evans Notch, Grafton Notch State Park or the Wright Trail, is also available at the Maine Visitor Information Center. These trails are all good choices for snowshoeing, but the access roads are not generally plowed so be prepared for a long trek just to get to the trailhead. The access roads themselves make nice treks, particularly Route 113 through Evans Notch, The upper part of the Sunday River Road on either side of the river, and the Pattee Brook Road. Again, if the road also serves as a snowmobile train, be alert for approaching traffic.

Night time trekkers go out to watch fireworks on Thursday and Saturday night at the Snow Cap Inn, at Sunday River. Dillon Gillies leads the trips, equipped with headlamps, to various spots on the mountains of Sunday River for an unforgettable firework extravaganza.

Contact Information

The Bethel Inn and Country Club, Broad St., Bethel, — Ski Shop, 824-2175. Dedicated snowshoe trails, and snowshoeing in the skating lane. Passes are \$12 adult, \$7 child under 12, and can be used for both cross country skiing and snowshoeing. On weekdays, take advantage of the Ski, Swim and Sauna Package, and make use of the recreation center facilities including a sauna, weight room, a small bar, pool table and games, and heated outdoor pool. Snowshoe rentals available.

Carter's X-C Country Center — Intervale Road, Bethel, and Route 26, Oxford, 539-4848. Carter's offers many miles of scenic trails as well as backcountry access for snowshoeing, with panoramic views of the presidential range available 1/4 mile from the base lodge. Rentals are available for \$10, adult and \$6, child. Passes are \$10/day, adult and \$6/day for a child. A combined rental and trail pass package is \$15 for adults, \$10 children.

Sunday River Inn and Cross-Country Center — Sunday River Road, Newry, 824-2410. The Sunday River Inn offers snowshoeing on dedicated trails along Barker Brook and to the top of Locke Mountain. Rentals, and sales, guided tours available. Passes are \$5/day. Rentals \$12 per day, \$7 per half day, and \$5 child.

The Telemark Inn — Bethel, 835-2703. The Telemark Inn limits the number of day passes available, insuring an experience away from the mad-dening crowd. Call ahead, please. Rentals available.



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**Dillon Gillies, Firework
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824-3000. Dillon has a wealth of
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Snowmobile Trail Maps:

Greenstock Snow Sports -
Otis Hayes Jr., 875-5084

Bethel Snow Twisters -
Robert Lowell, 824-2811

**Windy Valley Snowmobile
Club** - Leon Dunn, 824-3335 or
Western Maine Supply, 824-2139

**The Evans Notch Ranger
Station and Maine Visitors
Information Center** - Route
2, Bethel, 824-2134. Information
and trail maps for the White
Mountain National Forest,
Grafton Notch State Park, and
Mt. Will Trail maps.

Events:

Bethel Snowshoe Challenge - Jan. 8,
2000. Events begin at 1 p.m. Carter's X-C
Center, Intervale Road, Bethel, 539-4848. A
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International Nordic Celebration -
Jan. 9, 2000, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday River
Inn, 824-2410. Free lessons, equipment
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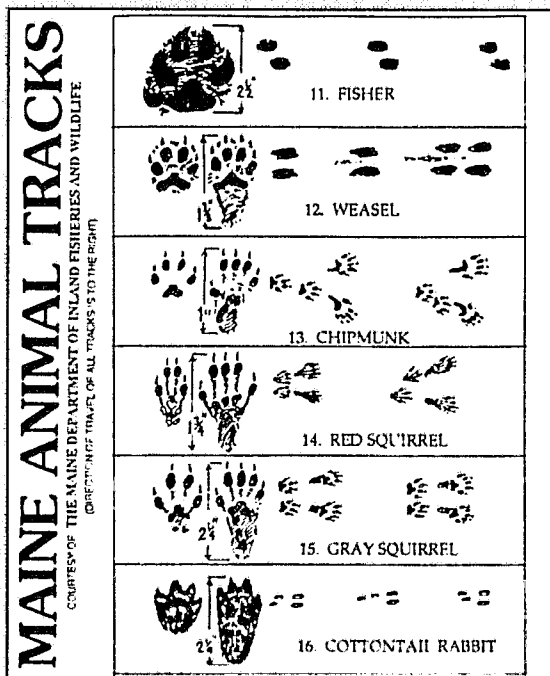
**6th Annual Western Maine
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Time and place to be determined. 10 K race to
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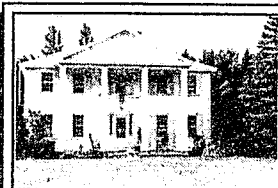
Make for the tracks

Snowshoes are a great way to follow the many kinds of animal tracks that abound in winter in the Maine woods. Since animals will move with ease around trees and brush, small snowshoes can be more maneuverable when tracking than cross-country skis. A field guide to animal tracks is the only other piece of equipment needed. There are numerous good ones available, and some have interesting descriptions of the animals' behaviors as well as track identification. Both field guides and snowshoes (for rent or sale) are available at outdoor recreation retailers in the area.

With those two pieces of equipment and appropriate clothing, the other thing you need to do is find appropriate terrain. That is one which is quiet, wooded, and does not have much human activity, however, animals will use established trails, such as cross-country ski or snowmachine trails, in the winter to save energy. Again, local outdoor retailers as well as cross-country ski center operators can suggest places to go for a quiet trek through the woods and a little eavesdropping into the lives of area wildlife by way of tracking. It sounds like the making of a near-perfect day.



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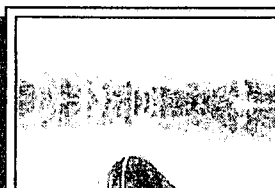
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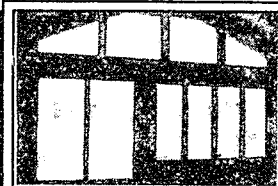
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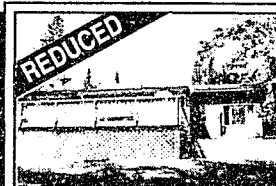
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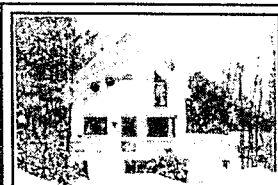
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Trail network

The Bethel area lies near the center of a rough, 25-by-25 mile square bordered by International Trail System (ITS) trails, along

which snowmobilers can set off for any spot in the northern United States and nearby Canada.

The popular Rangeley Lakes region is only a few hours away by snowmobile.

To the west of town lie the White Mountains, with miles of National Forest trails passing through some of New England's most beautiful winter landscapes. A bridge over the Wild River will be completed for this season, providing access from Bethel to Gorham, N.H.

Within the nearby loop of ITS routes are hundreds of miles of local trails most maintained by nearby snowmobile clubs.

For example, the Bethel and Greenstock (for Greenwood and Woodstock) clubs together maintain 120 miles of trails, running from Norway in the south to Newry in the north,

and from Sumner in the east to the National Forest in the west.

And in the Newry area, the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club maintains another 40 miles of trails.

Trail maintenance can be demanding work, but it's a labor of love for volunteers who realize the work must be done if the trails are to be safe and smooth for local and visiting snowmobilers.

Trail access

There are numerous access and parking areas for snowmobilers wishing to use the Bethel area trails.

Some of the busiest are: The former Evergreen Valley Ski Area in Stoneham (the ski slopes are closed but the parking lot is plowed). The public boat launch at the south end of Lake

Christopher in Bryant Pond (snowmobiling on the lake is not recommended, but a spur trail comes right up to the parking lot). The White Mountain National Forest parking lot on the south side of Route 2 in Shelburne, N.H. And Aker's Field, on the Branch Road in Newry (an excellent base for snowmobilers headed north toward Grafton Notch or east toward the ever-popular Rangeley area).

Before starting out, though, get in touch with one of the local Bethel area snowmobile clubs. They're the best source of up-to-the-minute information on trail conditions, access points and available services. And they can provide you with those little bits of local advice that can ensure your snowmobile trip is an enjoyable adventure.

A map of area snowmobile trails can be purchased at Lowell's Saw Shop on Route 26 in Bethel (about a mile east of Bethel village). The phone number there is 824-2811.

Snowmobilers who prefer a more organized outing might look into snowmobile tours offered by Sun Valley Sports on the Sunday River Road in Bethel.

Sun Valley offers guided daily and nightly trips, as well as more extended overnight and weekend tours with registered Maine Guides.

Evening tours include "Ride and Dine," which combines the tour with a stop for dinner at an area restaurant, and fireworks tours coinciding with weekly displays at Sunday River Ski Resort. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Overnight snowmobilers stay in bed & breakfasts or cabins along the way.

Destinations include the White

Mountains, Rangeley Lakes, Moosehead Lake region and Canada.

Daily and weekly snowmobile rentals are also available.

Sun Valley also offers maps and other information call 824-7533

For more information:

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Windy Valley Snowmobile Club — Owen Wight: 824-2620

Further information is also available from the Maine Snowmobile Association. The umbrella organization for the state's local clubs, the MSA represents over 250 clubs and 30,000 members and actively promotes snowmobile activities in the state. The MSA address is P.O. Box 77, Augusta, Maine 04330. 623-SNOW.

The Maine Bureau of Parks and Recreation is also ready to answer questions regarding snowmobile laws and regulations. Contact the Snowmobile Division at 287-4956.

For information on snowmobiling in the White Mountains National Forest, contact the Evans Notch Ranger District, White Mountain National Forest, RFD 2, Box 2270, Bethel, Maine 04217 824-2134.

One of the most popular times for snowmobiling in the Bethel area is late winter, when the snow cover is still heavy but the bitter cold of January and February has softened. Give it a try—you may find yourself coming back year after year for an unforgettable snowmobiling experience.

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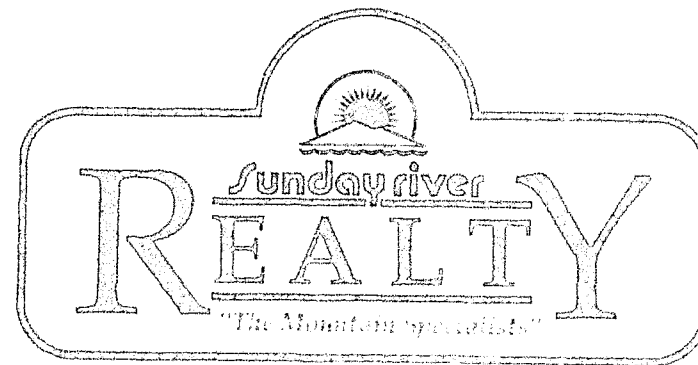
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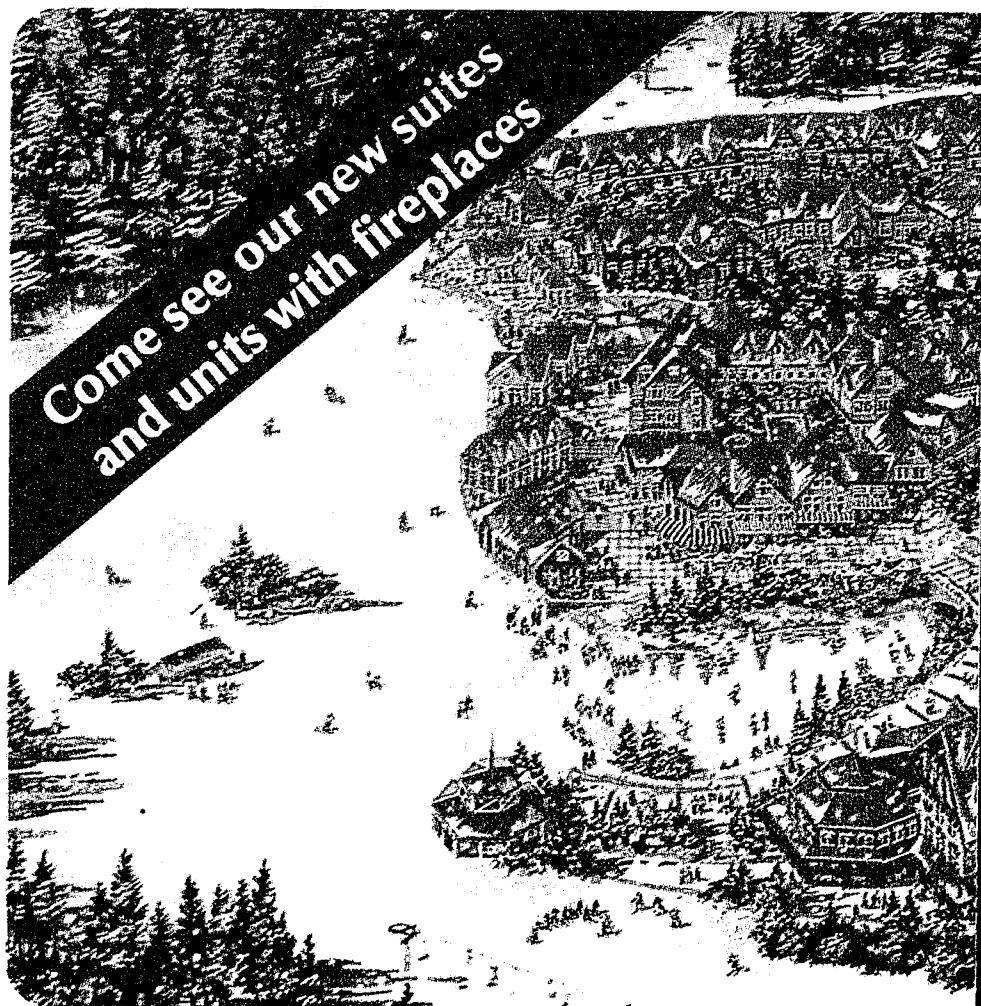
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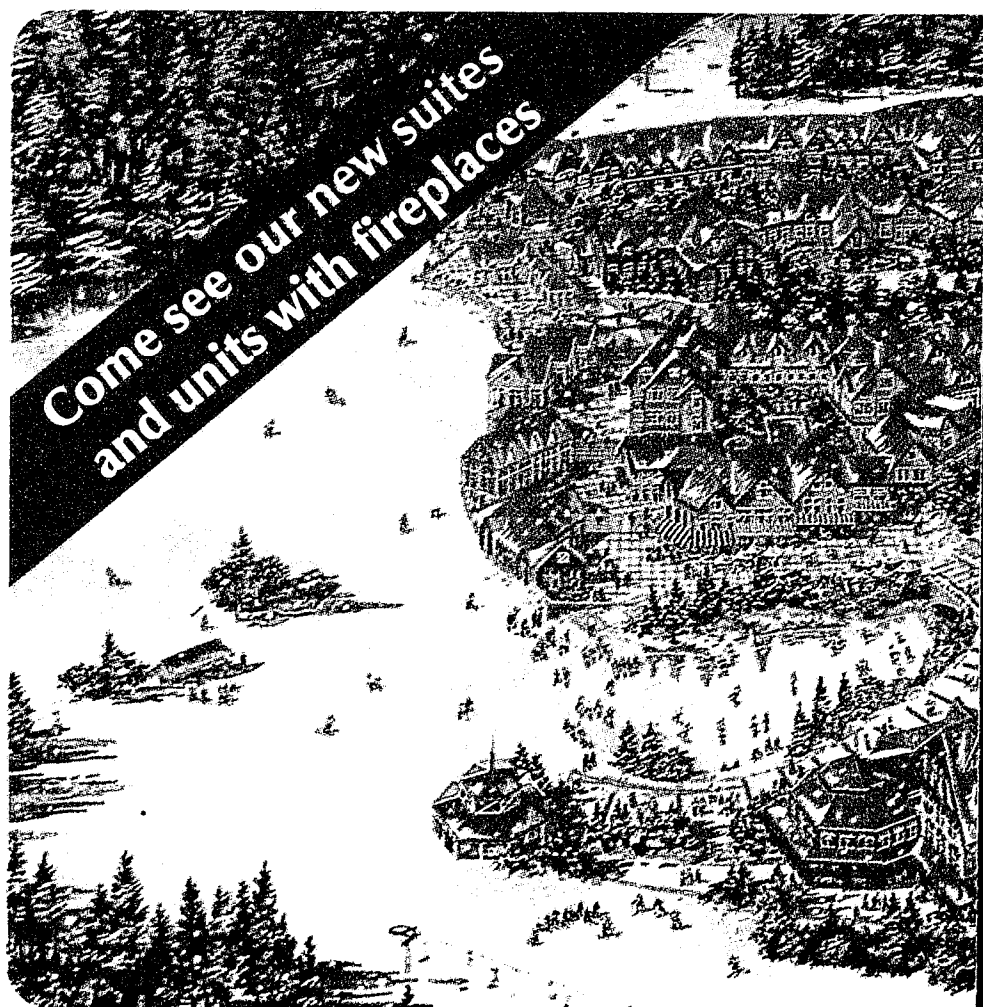


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All events are subject to change, and other telemark activities will no doubt be set up as the season progresses, so be sure to call ahead: Mahoosuc Mountain Sports at 875-3786, Mt. Abram at 875-5003, Wildcat at (800) 255-6439 or (603) 466-3326, or the Appalachian Mountain Club at (800) 835-3404

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In the years since, telemarking has undergone a remarkable resurgence. Many of the new telemark skiers are former alpine skiers who are seeing a new challenge. Although estimated to make up only 4 percent of the ski population, but they are growing in number as more and more alpine skiers free their heels.

Telemark gear is lighter than alpine gear. The bindings hold the boot near the toe and have a light cable around the heel. Boots may be constructed of traditional leather or high-tech plastic and have a lugged hiking boot-type sole for walking. Basically the boots are a cross between a hiking boot and an alpine ski boot.

Any ski technique you have learned, either nordic or alpine, can be used on this equipment. Parallel turns, telemark turns, jump turns, mogul skiing, touring, and even extreme skiing can be achieved with telemark gear.

In making the classic telemark turn, the skier extends his outside ski forward and bends his inside knee — lifting the heel off that ski and evenly weighting both skis. Admittedly, the turn is awkward to learn, but once mastered, it's an incredibly graceful and powerful turn. It's also very stable, especially in powder or crud, or in the backcountry. And with their heels free, and using "skins" on the bottom of their skis, telemark skiers can easily climb hills without the benefit of ski lifts. "Earning your turns" it's called, and it opens up the off-piste beauty of the backcountry.

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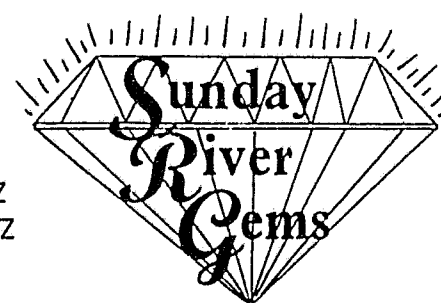
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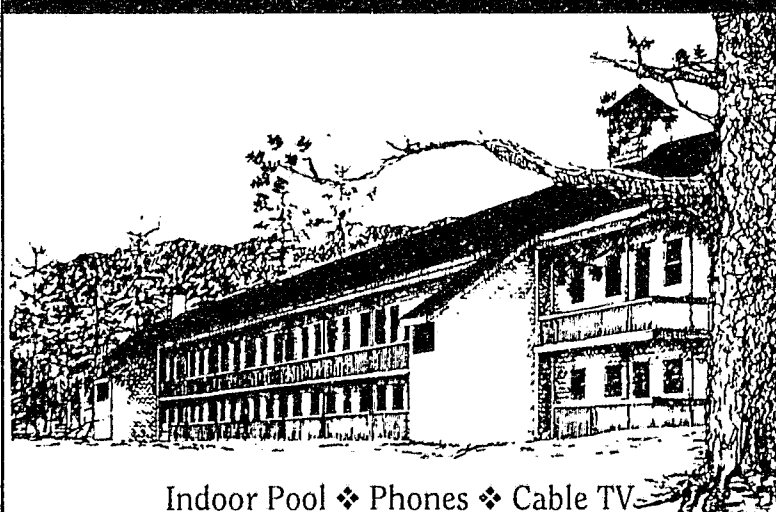
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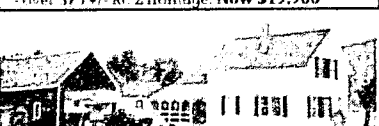
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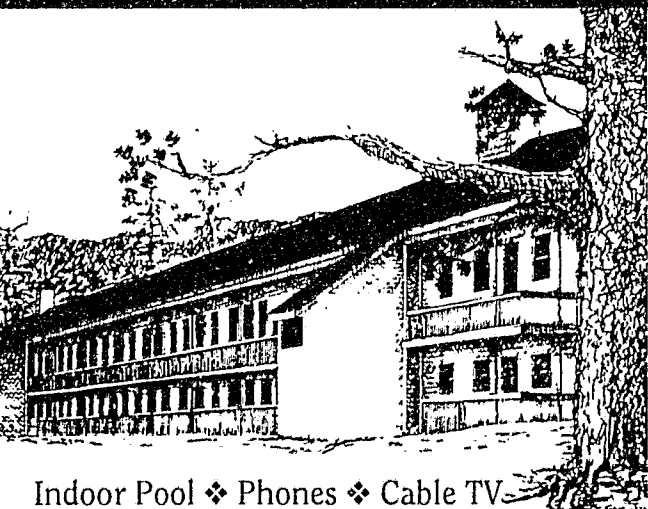
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11-12: A "TY" special event... Enjoy with our real live "Baby" visitors. V specials on all "TY" products. Beanie co receive a free gift Village Sampler. drawing for the "Holiday Teddy" a "The End" bear. 824-4438.

12: 11am-1pm with Santa at The Sudbury Santa will have a gift for you. Main St. 824-2174.

12: Mahoosuc Music Making at the West Parish Congregational Church. 4 pm. 824-2558.

12: Old-fashioned Christmas Hymn Sing at The Bethel Church at 6pm Route 2. 2289.

12: Christmas program at Valley Bible Church. West pm. 836-2828.

14: Create your own personalized boxwood Christmas. Pooh Corner Farm works 6:30-8:30pm. \$35. Call to register. Refreshments.

14: At Mt. Mann Jewelers stock Crystal Cave in the and leave quality stones to mine a Christmas gift to buy person on your list. 824-3030.

17: Christmas Caroling in Bethel with Pleasant Valley Church. 6:30pm. Hot chocolate & goodies to follow. 836-27700.

17: Yulefest Christmas at Gould Academy. 7:30pm.

17-19: Bethel Inn & Country free XC skiing at their new. Call 824-2175.

18: Open House at the Good Food Store. Product sampling

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Slalom Race. Call 875-5000 for info.
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31: New Year's Ride "2000" dinner, gifts & more. For reservations & information call 824-75533.

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29: Swatch Palmer Boardercross #1 (USASA) and River Ride #2 (USASA Halfpipe) at Sunday River Ski Resort. Call 824-3000 for more info.

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30: Mt. Abram Ski Resort Ski Patrol Invitational. Call 875-5000 for info.

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5: A Pooh Corner Farm workshop making a fresh flower arrangement in a snowman container. Hot chocolate & cookies served. 3 pm. \$25. Call 836-FARM.

5-6: Eastern Qualifier Series Freestyle Meet (Moguls, Dual Moguls) at Sunday River Ski Resort. Call 824-3000 for more details.

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6: Carter's Cross Country Ski Center is having an Androscoggin River Tour & Snowshoe Romp at 1:00pm in Bethel. Call 539-4848 for info.
11-12: Gould Academy Comedy Drama Production. 7:30pm. Call 824-7700.

12-13: Mt. Abram Ski Resort Challenge Giant Slalom Race. Call 875-5000 for more info.

13: Valentine Day Snowmobile Ride to Andover & South Arm and back. 824-7533.

19: Mt. Abram Ski Resort Ski Patrol Giant Slalom & Benefit Auction. Call 875-5000 for more info.

19: Swatch Palmer Boardercross #2 (USASA) and River Ride #3 (USASA slopestyle) at Sunday River Ski Resort. Call 824-3000 for more info.

19: Casino Night at Sunday River Ski Resort. Call 824-3000 for more info.

19: Bethel Historical Society's Heritage Day. Open house/tours at Robinson and Mason houses, crafts, book fair and museum shop. For info call 824-2908.

19: Angus, King of the Mountain Memorial Celebration - Anniversary of the World's Tallest Snowman. Lots of fun events planned. Call 824-2282.

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26: Mt. Abram Ski Resort Snowboard Challenge. Call 875-5000 for info.

26: Sunday River XC Ski Center hosts the Joy of Skiing - A progressive picnic on skis. 824-2410.

27: Great Glen Trails 10k Classic presented by Audi. 603-466-2333.

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March

4: Mt. Abram Ski Resort Mother/Daughter Day. Call 875-5000 for more info.

4: Sunday River XC Ski Center Langlauf - 15 km, 7.5 km, and 1 km races - fun for all ages. 824-2410.

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5: Snowmobile Trip & Barbecue at Pleasant River Campground. Call 836-2000 or 824-7533 for reservations.

11: "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast" will be performed at the Crescent Park School at 3 and 7 pm. The Missoula Children's Theatre presentation is co-sponsored by the Mahoosuc Arts Council and the Andover, Crescent Park & Woodstock parent teacher groups with piano accompaniment by Linda Stowell and the student chorus directed by Jonathan Smith. The full scale musical production stars the children of our communities in a classic tale. For info call Mahoosuc Arts Council at 824-3575.

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26: Maine Maple Sunday. Call-836-3606.

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1-2: Bust 'N Burn Mogul Mania / Great Eastern shootout at Sunday River Ski Resort. Call 824-3000 for more info.

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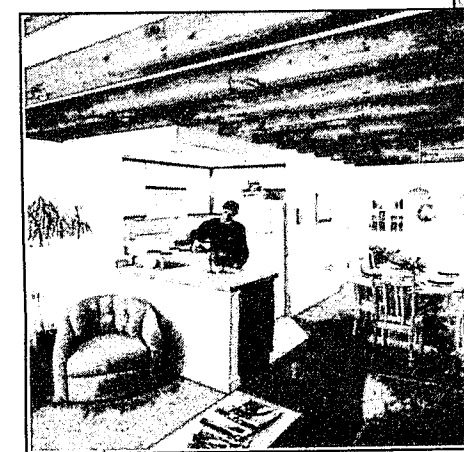
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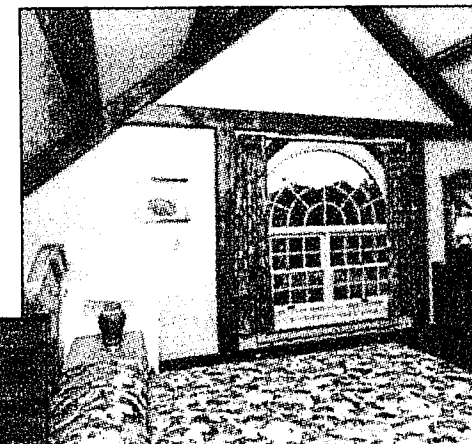
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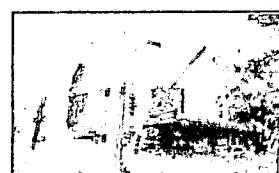
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Androscoggin Valley Motel Rte. 2, West Bethel, Maine	(207) 836-3611	from \$35 - \$75 PN	30
Bethel Inn & Country Club Broad Street Bethel, Maine	(207) 824-2175 (800) 654-0125	\$79 - \$199 PP PN	39
Bethel Outdoor Adventures & Camp- ground Rte 2, Bethel, Maine	(207) 824-4224 (800) 533-3607	\$18 a night for RV site	9
Bethel Spa Motel Main Street Bethel, Maine	(207) 824-3341	\$40 - \$75	34
Black Bear B&B 829 Sunday River Road Newry, Maine	(207) 824-0908	\$60 - \$95 DO includes Full Breakfast	13
Briar Lea Inn & Restaurant Mayville Road, Bethel, Maine	(207) 824-4717 (877) 311-1299	\$77 - \$122 DO Private Baths, TV's, Telephones, includes Breakfast	22
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Carter's X-C Ski Center Route 26, Oxford Intervale Rd., Bethel	(207) 539-4848	\$20 - \$50 PP B&B, Lodge, Cabins, Yurt	13
Crocker Pond House 917 Northwest Bethel Rd. Bethel, Maine	(207) 836-2027	\$90 DO/PN includes Full Breakfast, Private Baths	35
Jordan Grand Hotel Sunday River, Maine	(207) 824-5000 (800) 543-25K1	Lift & Lodging start as low as \$99 PP/PN	20 & 21
L'Auberge PO Box 21 Bethel, Maine	(207) 824-2774 (800) 760-2774	\$85 - \$125 includes full breakfast	15
The Maine Houses Rte. 26 Bryant Pond, Maine	(800) 6-HOUSES (800) 646-8737	\$20 - \$80 PP	16
Mollycokett Motel Rte. 26, West Paris, Maine	(207) 674-2345	\$55 SO - \$60 DO Midweek \$65 - \$85 Weekends	35
Pinesider Lodge Gore Road Locke Mills, Maine	(207) 665-2226	\$57 - \$195 up to 8 Persons	11
Pleasant River Motel & Condos Route 2 West Bethel, Maine	(207) 836-3575 (800) 847-7786	\$39 DO Midwk \$75 DO Wkends \$95 DO Holidays \$80 DO Midwk condo up to 6 condo \$189 wknds - \$250 holiday	30
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River View Resort Route 2 Bethel, Maine	(207) 824-2808 (888) 224-8413	Starting at \$99 DO	26
Royalty Inn Route 2 & 16, 130 Main St. Gorham, New Hampshire	(603) 466-3312 (800) 43REIAX	\$53 - \$82 DO	23
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Bethel's Nightlife

After a day of working up an appetite on the slopes or trails, head to an area restaurant or night spot for a delicious dinner and nighttime entertainment. Or, if you still can choose from 10 on-mountain restaurants that serve everything from pizza to steak to lobster.

If it's happening, it's happening at Bumps! Pub. Hosting some of New England's hottest bands throughout the season, Bumps! offers pool, dancing and a variety of domestic and international beers, as well as great food. The Boardwalk Arcade, with a jukebox, video games and pool, is the chem-free alternative for teens.

Check the current edition of **Sunday River This Week**, available on the mountain or in Bethel area stores, for more weekly resort happenings.

Just off the mountain on the Sunday River Road, the **Matterhorn and Great Grizzly** (824-6271) feature "One Rocking Ski Bar" and "Two Great Restaurants" in the same location.

At 3 p.m. daily, the Matterhorn Ski Bar offers wild Ski & Snowboard Videos on the big screen, potent 45-oz. Glacier Big

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When you're hungry, watch the Matterhorn pizza chefs create and hand-fire your own pizza creation in a traditional wood-burning brick oven right in the bar. Fresh pasta, creative salads and homemade desserts are also a specialty.

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Looking for a deal? Every Tuesday night is \$5 pizza. Thursdays, it's \$10 sirloin steak dinners at the Great Grizzly. A little farther down the Sunday River Road, you can sip a house ale at the **Sunday River Brewery** (824-4253), at the intersection of Route 2 in Bethel.

This restaurant and brewpub has a glassed-in working brew-

ery, and offers six to eight fresh ales and lagers on tap.

The brewery features live original music. Bands play four or five nights a week, and the pub offers an acoustical series. Sunday River Brewing Company offers an extensive late-night menu.

Mt. Abram (875-5003) in Locke Mills would like you to relax at the lounge after a day of skiing. Live apres-ski entertainment is offered every Saturday, with additional special events planned for vacations and throughout the season. Check the calendar of events for more information on special happenings.

If you like local color, try the **Frozen Logger Restaurant and Lounge** (665-2699) on Route 26 in Bryant Pond. The Frozen Logger has a full bar. Hot sandwiches and pizza are served on a regular basis.



The **Casablanca Cinema 4** at Bethel Station on Cross Street features first-run movies seven nights a week. Matinees are offered on weekends, holidays, and special weeks.

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Suds Pub (824-6558) under the Sudbury Inn on Main Street in Bethel features live entertainment, including the area's best bands, Thursday through Sunday.

A local favorite is "Hoot Night" (see sidebar) on Thursdays, where musicians from near and far strut their stuff in an open-mike format.

The **Bethel Inn** (824-2175) on the Common features live piano bar entertainment five nights a

week, and après-ski drink specials daily. On Saturday, enjoy live solo acts from 4-6 p.m. in the Millbrook Tavern.

At **The Backstage** (824-3003) on Summer Street in Bethel features live entertainment Friday and Saturday nights. The lounge features pool tables and a full bar.

If you like your night time entertainment under the stars, try night skiing at **Mt. Abram**, night snowboarding, tubing or skating at **Sunday River's Nite Cap**; or night skiing at **Shawnee Peak** (647-8444) in Bridgton. Or try ice-skating at the rink on the Bethel Common.

If you like to workout, **The Madison Health and Sport Club** (364-7973) at the Madison Hotel on Route 2 in Rumford, about 15 miles east of Bethel, is open in the evening. The fitness center features a sauna, treadmill, Jacuzzi, weights and more. The full-service restaurant is also open evenings, with entertainment on Saturday night.

For apres-ski of a different sort, **The Mahoosuc Arts Council** (824-3575) also schedules special events throughout the year. Among this year's offerings are "The Nutcracker" in November, a "Messiah Sing" in December and "Mountain Music" in early April.

Check **The Bethel Citizen**, the local weekly newspaper, for fresh information on all the area's activities.



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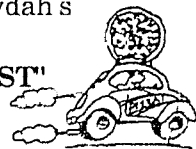
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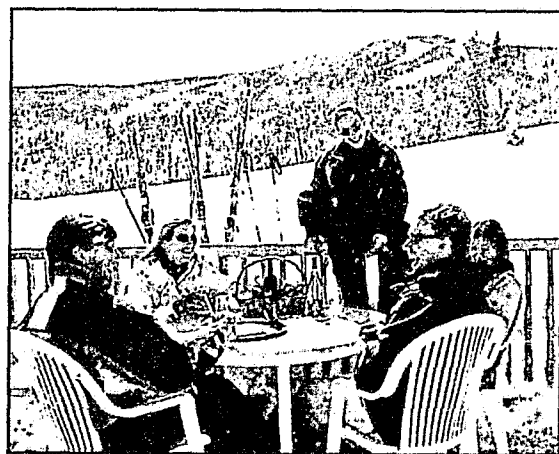
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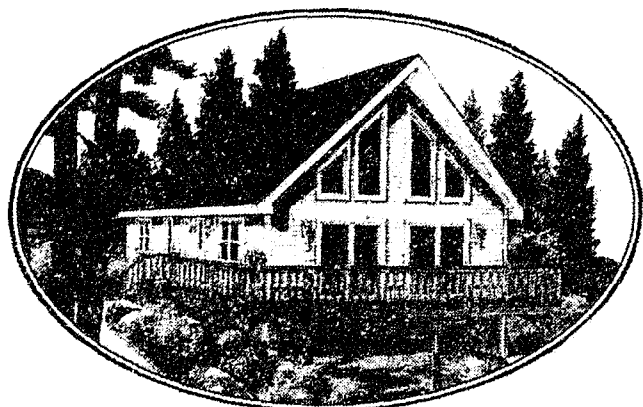
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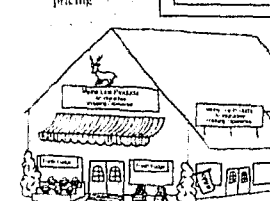
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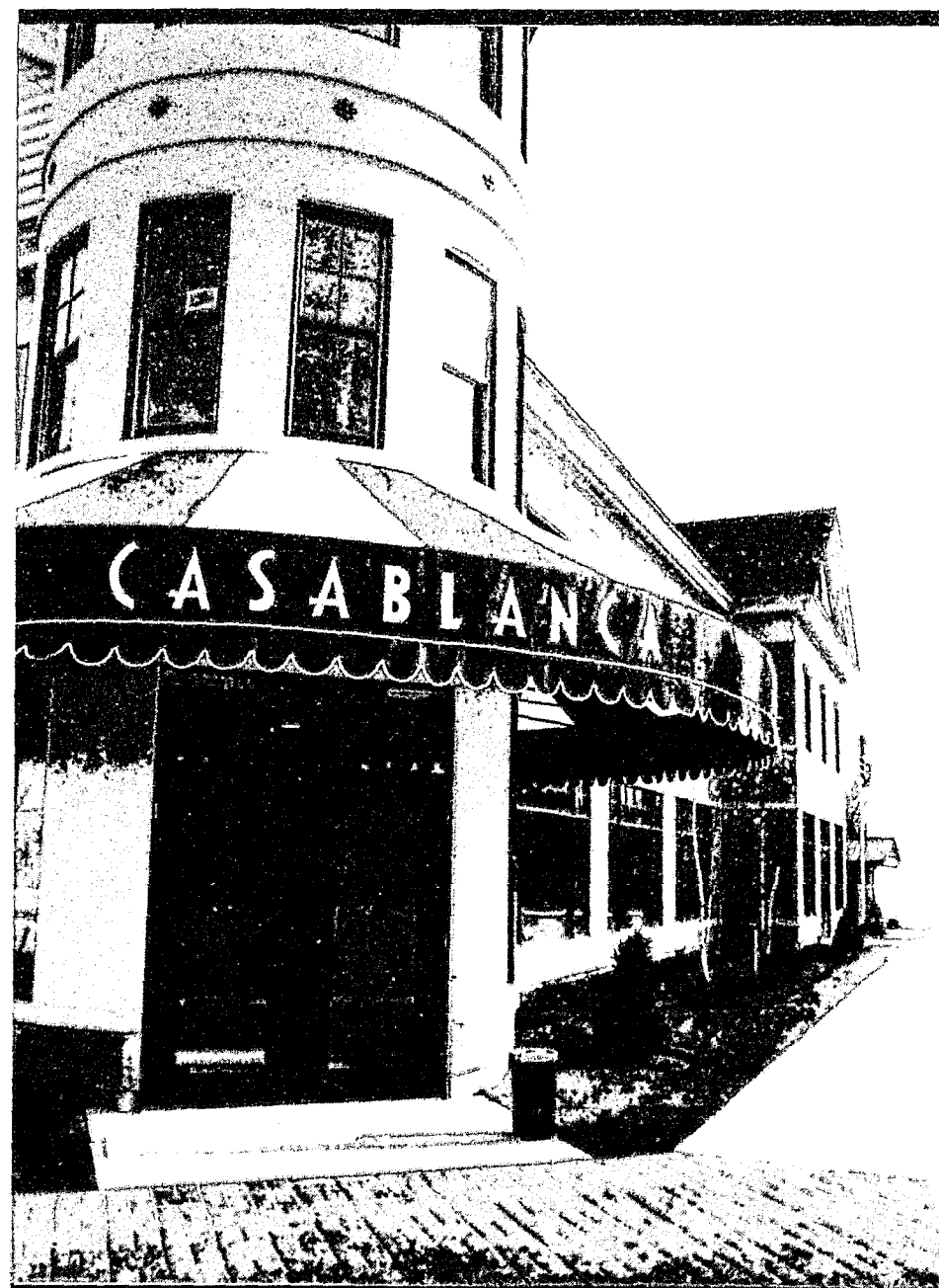


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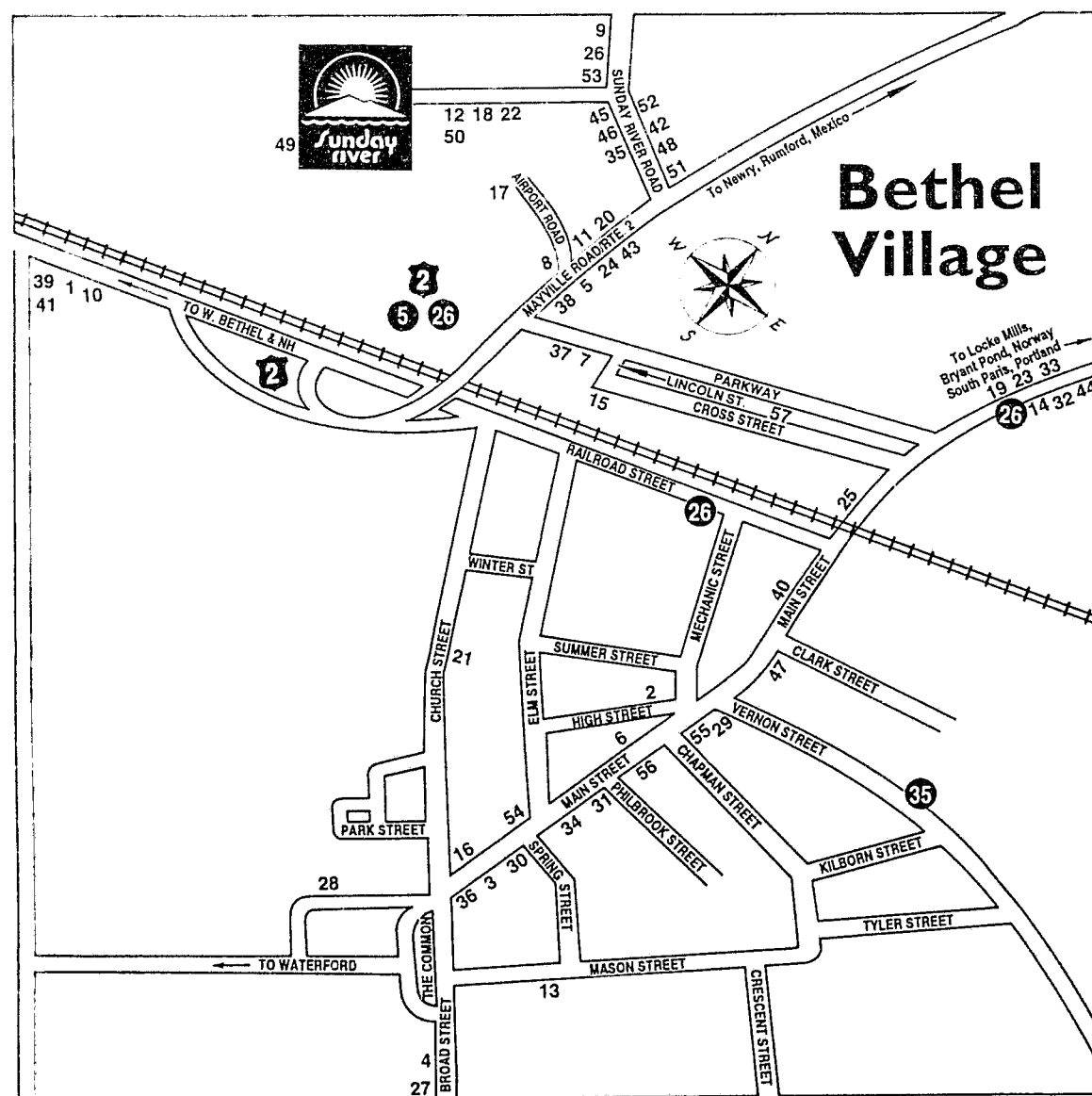
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